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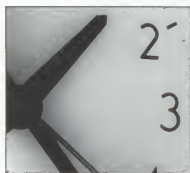
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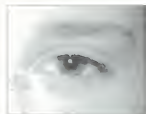
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Just Look Closely Just Look Closely



At the homecoming football game, energy surges through the crowd. High school football has always had the support of the citizens. Often the crowd would chant their favorite player's name to show their support. Also, when a not-so-perfect call is made (by the ref) the crowd is quick to show its disapproval.

Legend 99-00

Out of her wind-up, sophomore Nicoletta Prassas pitches a strike to the batter. Instead of one pitcher, this years softball team resorted to 2 and 3 pitcher rotations.

At a swim meet judges look for how well divers' execute the dives they perform. Low splashes are always favorable for a high score.



Another year has come and gone. It is now time for the students, faculty, and everyone else that makes the school year a success to sit down and think about what the new year will bring. Perhaps new clubs to join or ideas for upcoming events. It is also a time for reunions among friends new and old. Plus the opportunity to make new friends is always a smile away. It is good to see the faces of those favorite teachers the students have grown to love. A new school year brings the chance for some to start all over with a clean slate, a chance to show their true potential. For the seniors, this is the final year before voyaging out and experiencing a taste of the real world. The sophomores and juniors now have at least a year under their belt. While the incoming freshmen come to school with the curious twinkle in their eye. In either case, excitement can be felt throughout the halls.



Before his event senior James Sullivan concentrates on his throw. Concentration is a major factor that goes into the discus and shot put.



At a soccer game sophomore Jamie Dudzek kicks the ball away from the goal. Dudzek played on the varsity soccer team this year.



While out on the floor, freshman Amy Ingle strives to perform to the best of her ability. Ingle was one of many assets for the varsity squad.

Teammates wish each other luck before a volleyball game. They would often huddle to promote team unity.

The girls' J.V. swim team takes a moment to discuss each other's performance during the meet. The season was a positive one.



While at a varsity basketball game, crowds cheer on the team. Crowd participation was one of the many important factors in all the games.



There are cheers and shouts from the crowd as senior Tom Pappas runs down the field. Portage won this game against Chesterton 27-10.

Against "cross town" rival Hobart, Senior Kevin Luellman blows past the defense leaving a sad expression on the opponent's face.





At the line, Portage runners prepare to race against the Merrillville pirates in the 100 meter dash.

Along with a new year comes new challenges. The previous year's student leaders have turned over their positions to the new ones in hopes of new goals and old ones fulfilled. All in all, a new year brings new experiences with new and different alternatives.



Two younger fans in the audience show support for the team by holding up the "3" point signs.

Purdue cheerleaders visited and performed at the high school to celebrate the Boys Cross Country victory.

From the distance, cheers can be heard. Young and old line along the streets to watch the parade and show support.

Homecoming is that time of year where everyone has the opportunity to show spirit. The bleachers are littered with red and white and the school's fight song is heard. Generations of people combine together on this day with their refreshments to enjoy the competition. "I think fall homecoming is a great school tradition. It gives alumni an

official time to come back and be part of their high school," Math teacher Mrs. Clara Clark said.

deal to me. It is pointless, but maybe it is tradition and you do not monkey with tradition," junior Jillian Delph said.

The day of homecoming, as many days before, marked the moment to announce the fall homecoming queen and Mr. Football. This year's queen was Katie Foster. By her side was Mr. Football, James Oliver.

So, whether students feel it is a big event or not, homecoming is the one time where people can show their pride. "I like how the whole school can get together and have fun at a school activity," junior Belinda Meyers said.



Another activity for homecoming is spirit week. The themes range from "red and white" day to Caribbean day. The classes compete to see who has the most spirit. However, not everyone feels that homecoming is that big of a deal. "I think the school makes it a big deal, but it is not a big



The marching band plays annually for the parades. The band also played at all the home games.

At the game's crowning, seniors Cheryl Burgler, Erica Lo, Katie Foster, Jimmy Oliver, Erin Widing, and Michelle Thompson stand side by side.





at the homecoming football game against the Chesterton Trojans, students gather together to enjoy the game. Students often did this to "chill" with friends.

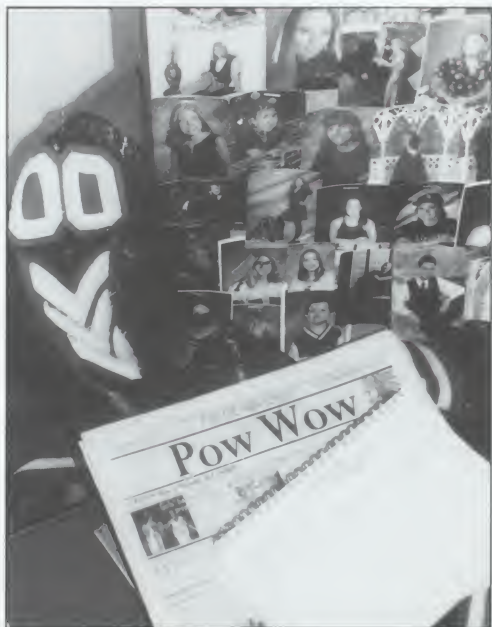
In the pep rally, seniors Jennifer Andrews and Jennica Turka try to avoid shaving cream. The pep rally had different activities throughout the fun filled night.



at the homecoming parade, Freshman Jessie Lazar is portrayed as our mascot the Indian.

before game time the football players run on to the field. They won against the Trojans.

glimpse of



our lives

With the constant flow of everyday activities, students' lives are *more complex* than they used to be. From the beginning of the year until the day they graduate, activities range from *trying out* for the fall play and the musical to finding a dress and a date for prom. With all these *mind boggling tasks*, sometimes students need to *take a break* from *stresses* of everyday life . Sometimes everyone needs to sit back, relax and take a *glimpse of our lives*.

M i l l e n n i u m ?

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Music

1. "Thong song"
- Sisqo
2. "Bye Bye Bye"
- N'SYNC
3. "Back That Thing Up"
- Juvenile
4. "Forget About Dre"
- Eminem & Dr. Dre
5. "Say My Name"
- Destiny's Child
6. "Smooth"
- Santana
7. "Love is Blind"
- Eve
8. "I Got Your Money"
- ODB
9. "The Bad Touch"
- Bloodhound Gang
10. "Adam's Song"
- Blink 182

Most Important people

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Adam Sandler | 6. Ben Affleck |
| 2. Freddy Prince Jr. | 7. Michael Jordan |
| 3. Julia Roberts | 8. Chris Farley |
| 4. Drew Barrymore | 9. Mariah Carey |
| 5. Bruce Willis | 10. Dave Matthews Band |

top ten LISTS

10. softball
 9. track
 8. hockey
 7. tennis
 6. wrestling
 5. swimming
 4. baseball
 3. soccer
 2. football
 1. basketball
- sports events

Movies

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| 1. The Matrix | 6. Pretty Woman |
| 2. American Pie | 7. Happy Gilmore |
| 3. She's All That | 8. Empire Records |
| 4. Dirty Dancing | 9. Billy Madison |
| 5. 10 Things I Hate
About You | 10. Green Mile |

hallway chatter

The sound of whispers in the hallway, spark the waves of curiosity that fill the minds of those who walk past them. Then it starts, the harmless rumor is carried over. Someone tells a friend the original story and they tell a friend and so on and so on until eventually the message is all skewed and the person it may be about could be crying in the restroom. Most situations

do not end up that way. Most people just hear bits and pieces of the story they may hear in the hallway. I have heard conversations about what people did, or are going to do on the weekend, about classes, and boyfriends or girlfriends, said freshman Amy Engal.

Some of these conversations reveal information about a person students may have never known in their entire lives and

may not have wanted to know. Other times people can get somewhat personal maybe even hurt from this. The outcome of rumors ends up with someone getting confronted or beat up. Or else it gets around to someone who knows the truth then everyone finds out about the rumor, said junior Adam Moreno.

Any one person could make up a rumor. I think that the people

who start these rumors have nothing better to do, said senior Amy Barwig.

With all this in mind, people could have been in on or started the rumor. Barwig said, I probably have started a rumor or affected the outcome of a situation because people pick what they hear from other people and just start talking about it. After all, the chinese telephone will never cease to exist because there will always be that faint whisper in the halls.

then

Platforms, bell bottoms, tie dye, pedal pushers, and bright colors were all clothes that many parents wore in the 60's. Now it is the year 2000 and styles change with time, right?

NOW

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STYLES

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and body art

by *Patricia Wolfe*

The artistic aspect of piercings and tattoos on bodies can revolt some and inspire others. Other people think of getting a tattoo or body piercing as painful or offensive.

When people think about body art, many different ideas come to their mind. Senior Christine Paunicka said, "What were they thinking when they got that done?" Others had very different responses. Senior Daniella Gazabara stated, "I think it's very artistic and is a means of

individual expression." With all this in mind people seemed to not be influenced by all the propaganda presented by their fellow peers.

Today there are many requirements and restrictions for minors. One restriction is that people have to be the age of eighteen. Otherwise, authorization from a parent is required to get body art. Another factor when getting body art is the money issue. The body art can range from ten

dollars to five thousand dollars. Some may feel that it does influence them while others feel it definitely does not. Junior Kari Kopko said, "I feel that body art is not a big influence on my life because I will decide what I feel is right for me." Others feel that is an influence on their lives. "I feel that body art influences my life because it tells us what looks nice or cheesy," replied senior Rainier Alcantara.

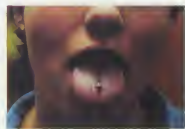
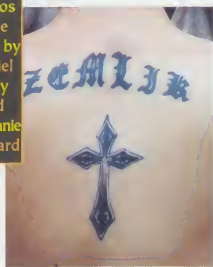
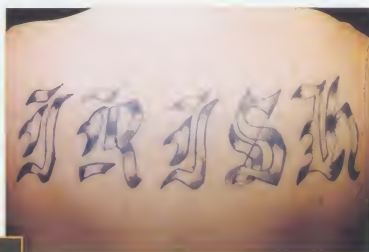
It has been a

tradition for baby girls to get their ears pierced after birth. In those situations those individuals do not have a choice. Not many people think of the regular one hole in each ear as body art. Whether noticeable or not, many students have a form of body art.

No matter a person's decisions about body art, there is always that right of expression.



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Fireworks light up the San Francisco skyline as seen from the U.S.S. Hornet Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, in Alameda, Calif. The Bridge in foreground is the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge. (AP Photo)



With the Two Jima Memorial in the foreground fireworks burst over Washington Saturday Jan. 1, 2000 during the millennium celebrations. (AP Photo/Kaenke Pajic)

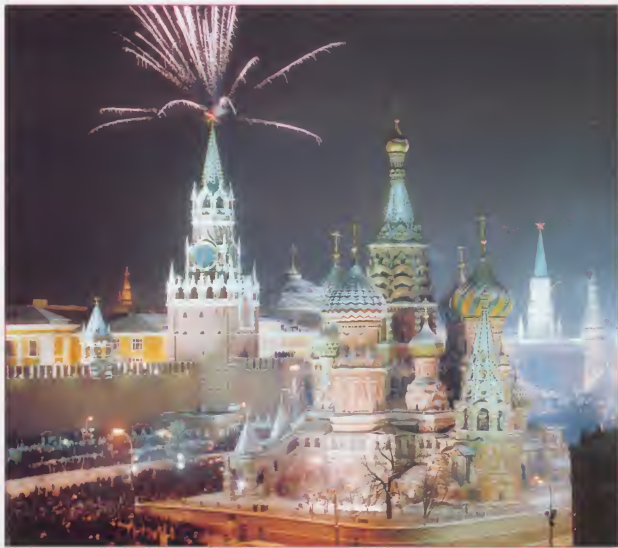


The Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House are lit up with fireworks to welcome in the new Millennium in Sydney Saturday Jan. 1, 2000. (AP Photo/Russell Mc Phedran)



Fireworks light the sky over the Eiffel Tower for the millennium celebrations in Paris Saturday, January 1, 2000. (AP Photo/Michel Euler)

Fireworks are seen over Moscow's landmark Red Square during the beginning of the Millennium celebrations right after midnight Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000. Thousands of people gathered on Red Square to see in the new year and millennium, shooting fireworks and cheering as the clock on the Kremlin's Spassky Tower struck midnight. St. Basil's Cathedral, center, and Kremlin's Spassky bell tower, left are seen on the picture. (AP Photo/Nisha Japaridze)





John Bailey of New York City walks through Times Square wearing festive Year 2000 eyewear Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999 in New York. Times Square will host 24 hours of New Year's Eve celebrations on Friday. (AP Photo/Bark Lennihan)

Fireworks illuminate the Giza pyramids at midnight Friday Dec. 31, 1999 during a millennium celebration that included a concert by French musician Jean Michel Jarry. (AP Photo/Enric Marti)

The bell in New York's Times Square drops to signify the start of a new millennium just after midnight Saturday Jan. 1, 2000. (AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett)



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The excitement grows as the clock ticks the minutes until midnight. Couples, family and friends all huddle together for that special moment, or perhaps the annual New Year's kiss. Fireworks are lit as a prelude of what is yet to come. No one wants to be left out as the year 1999 comes to a close and the year 2000 begins.

All around the world people celebrated the year 2000. From Japan, Egypt, France, Australia, to the New York Times Square celebration was being broadcasted and had most people who were not there jealous of all the fireworks, confetti, and other affects of celebration. Most people celebrated however they wished. "I stayed the night at my best friend Tiff's house. Right when the clock struck midnight, we ran up and down our street banging pots, pans, and screaming," junior Rachel Fisher said. For those adventurous

Not
Y2K

students who had the patience to venture out on the town, they found traffic and commotion, but also a good time. "I was in Chicago at Navy Pier on New Year's," junior Stephanie Labno said.

The year 2000 has been hyped up and in some cases prepared for since the beginning of '99. One of the many turnoffs faced was the notorious Y2K bug. "I didn't think anything would happen from the Y2K bug. It was just a stupid scare to make money," senior Amanda McKenzie said. Others felt the same. "Y2K was highly over exaggerated!" junior Lauren Niemcewicz.

As the millennium rounds the corner, many students looked back and reflected on their

childhoods and what they expected would happen. "I expected to see flying cars, and stuff like that. I also knew that I was graduating that year," senior Stephanie Love said. Although 2000 seemed to be the year for celebration, many feel that there will not be many changes since the last year. "I don't expect to see any drastic changing, just more of a gradual like it has been," freshman Caitlin Austgen said.

Whether it is believed that now is the millennium or the year to come, the year 2000 will be remembered. "I consider this year to be both the millennium and not. The real millennium is in 2001, but it is still 2000 not 1000 so it is exciting," McKenzie said. With couples, family, or friends; however it was celebrated, the New Year all around the world was marked with fireworks, confetti, and shouts and cheer. Imagine what is yet to come for the year 2001.

Most people can recall that favorite toy, article of clothing, or cartoon show that they owned throughout most of their childhood days.

All the toys, clothing, and games were great to have, however

While reminiscing back to those younger days when life had no worries or stress, most laugh as they recollect on

Although not all childhoods are peachy keen, for the most part whether it is a boy or girl, childhoods are one of the most memorable experiences someone can have...good or bad.



star wars

slap
bracelets

Childhood Obsessions



"My favorite toy when I was younger were Ninja Turtles. They were the coolest!"

~senior Kenneth Cheney

popples
reading
rainbow

parachute
pants

skip
-it

She-Ra

glowworm
my
buddy

ditch

nintendo

Rainbow
Brite

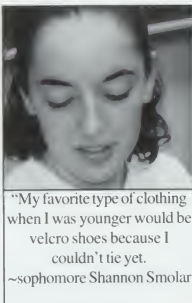
power
wheels



"My favorite cartoon was the Muppet Babies because I liked Miss Piggy."

~Freshman Lindsay Abram

Peanuts
gang



"My favorite type of clothing when I was younger would be velcro shoes because I couldn't tie yet."

~sophomore Shannon Smolar

Garfield

my pet

strawberry
shortcake

Teenage
Mutant
Ninja
Turtles

Barbies

G.I. Joe
Atari

muppet
babies

kid
sisters

Mr.
Potato
head
micromachines

My
Little
pony
Captain
kangaroo

Carebears



"My favorite toys were Popples because they were fun to play with and you could put them in a ball."

~sophomore Randi Leggit



"My favorite toys were Legos because I got to build things and be imaginative."

~senior Krystal Morgan

He-Man

Star
Trek
Pokemon

teddy
ruxbin

Fraggle
Rock
Garbage
pail
kids
transformers

Mickey
Mouse
Club

Cabbage
Patch
Kids

sesame
street

zoobalee
zoo
light
brite

Smurfs

Thundercats

Disney

punkiebrewster

Mr.
Rodgers

Alf

new kids on the block



"My favorite games were Monopoly and Risk because I like to dominate against other people."

~senior Matthew WesterKamp

cricket

monster

In the fall play, "Lost Horizon", Priest a.k.a Conway assists Father Parault into standing position.

Character foils Conway and Mallinson, played by seniors Aaron Priest and Matthew Mahns argue over the issue of whether or not to stay at the Lamasary.



After days in paradise, Alex Lo explains to the outsiders why they should not leave the Shangri-La.

Mr. Bodnar and Mr. Moody talk about improvements they could make for the upcoming play.

In Act II, seniors Lo, Mahns, Priest, and McLeod discuss whether or not they should leave the perfect land of Shangri-La.





Behind the scenes freshman Crystal Jagier fixes her hair before she goes on stage. Crystal Jagier had the role of Ai-Ling, a servant girl.

In the beginning of *Lost Horizon*, characters Erin Wendt, Danielle Ciecelski, and Karin Lyshoj, begin the show's narration.



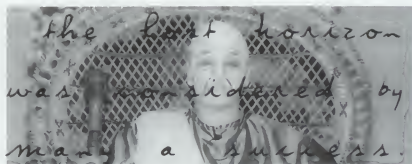
A First Time for Everything

It is a tale of faith; of believing in extraordinary ideals which do not exist today, or so people think. The melange of experienced cast members and newcomers brought the belief of immortality to the stage of the annual fall play.

Parents and students filled the East Auditorium in mid-November to view this year's play, "Lost Horizon." According to Patrick Moody, "Lost Horizon" was chosen for many reasons. "Because interests in being a part of our productions is so high at PHS, I try to choose shows that involve as many students as possible," Moody said.

The play began with a narration of events that lead to

the opening of the red curtain and into the distant and imaginative land of Shangri-La. It began with a plane crash and four characters finding themselves in a strange land in which they have never encountered before.



In the end, they are hit with the decision of whether to stay, or to leave this unusual place. In the "Lost Horizon," the cast was made up of experienced members

and first timers.

The main character of the play, Conway, was played by senior Aaron Priest, who has acted in two plays and musicals before "Lost Horizon." "One thing I've learned

from being involved in the play is to be a better public speaker. I've been given more self-confidence through the play" said Priest. Other known faces to the acting

scene were seniors Matt Mahns as Mallinson, Erica Lo as Tashi, and Sean Reibly as Barnard. Newcomers were seniors Megan McLeod who costarred as Helen, Amanda Walworth as Ms. Brinklow, Alex Lo as Chang and Stephanie Colunga as the High Lama. Mr. Bodnar said, "The fall play was excellent because of the fact that we had so many people that have not been on stage before."

With every play, there were a few mishaps, but after all the hard work after school practicing, "Lost Horizon" was a success. Moody added, "It was a successful show because it really challenged them and their creativity."

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Designed by: Jennifer Vargas

A glimpse of A glimpse of Portage High School Portage High School

a group of students hold a discussion in class. Several teachers use class discussions as a tool to aid the students' understanding of classroom material.



a vocational student finishes his project for transportation systems. Several students travel to Portage High School for vocational classes.

in her chemistry class, Mrs. Yaksic teaches her students about atomic structures. Mrs. Yaksic also teaches biology courses.





While in class, sophomore Patrick Jenkins takes a break from his project. Students may choose to take vocational classes to prepare for their future careers.



In transportation systems, junior Donald Wilson completes his work. Students are required to complete certain prerequisites before entering a vocational.

In the computer lab, junior Aaron Schmidt works diligently on his assignment. Computer labs were available to students before and after school.



as senior Jennifer Josivoff comes on the stage she is greeted by the superintendent Dr. George McKay.

the Principal Mr. Kirchner speaks to the mid-term graduates commending them.

Daniel

Daily



Daily



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dressed in his bright red robe senior John Antecki listens and awaits for his turn to receive his diploma.

as senior Cassie Pendleton receives her diploma, Mr. Terrance Levanda congratulates her.



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Together are the
midterm graduation
class of 2000. There
were one hundred
and two students.

Among friends are
Seniors Jennifer
Kaiser and Jalleta
Kalman. Both were
on the yearbook.

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They slip on their gowns,
place the caps upon their
heads with the tassel to the right,
and step back to look at the reflec-
tion of an achiever... the graduate.

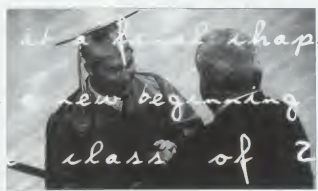
The Final Step?

easier for me to graduate midterm, I was also
looking forward to becoming a full time
mother," senior Roxanne Krieg said. Either way

gossiping, and all the funny
things that happen," senior
Jessica Wayle said. Other students
however do not feel this way. "I won't
miss anything because I have done it all
in four years of high school. It's
time for a change," senior
Christopher DeVault said.

Midterm gradua-
tion is the time of year
when seniors who have
fulfilled all necessary
requirements of high
school can graduate
early, and get a start on
their new lives. There are many
reasons students choose to gradu-
ate midterm. Some want to get
ahead by starting college, working
or having other reasons for graduat-
ing early. "I graduated early
because I had a baby in October and
not only would it have been much

is at a new chapter, or a new beginning for the class of 2000



the time has come to step up and face respon-
sibilities whatever those are.

This year's graduates had just a little
more to celebrate as they were the first
graduates of the new millenium. One downfall
is that midterm graduate will miss the last
semester excitement.

"I will miss being with friends,

Whether graduating
midterm or not, everyone will
take all the memories they
received from their high school
days with them forever. Hopefully when
reflecting back, one will smile and
reminisce on the times they had at
Portage High School. "My best memory
is some of the teachers. They were
really cool. You know who you
are. Thank you," senior Kristin
Tomasieles said.

Written By: Elizabeth Batista

Designed by: Jamie Wolfe



For four years both students and staff have anxiously been waiting for the return of the musical "Grease" to our school. Four years ago Mr. Bodnar tried to get rights to Grease, but there had been complications all the way up to this year when we finally got rights to the musical.

The tryouts for the musical started all the way back in January, and extended into February. The reason for the long tryouts? "Getting the right cast is probably the most important element regarding the success of the show," Mr. Bodnar stated. In addition to that, this year there were over 200 people trying

Written By: Stacie Culp

Four Year Plan

out for the musical, over half of those girls. "It takes time to teach them all the choreography and song for the tryout," added Bodnar.

*the spring musical
grease was finally
made its way to the
high school stage*



What were some people's motivation for trying out for the musical? Aaron Flores simply stated, "To get chicks." Junior Jacob Cohen said, "I had never been in a show and people that have

said it was a rush."

Once the tryouts got through, the production got rolling. With Senior Julie Lochomondy cast as the lead role of Sandy, freshman Mark Kitchen as the role of Danny, the musical was viewed

by everyone involved as a success."

With all the excitement built up around the musical, and the pressure on the actors to perform well, the cast gave an exceptional performance; acting in what has come to be known as one of the most loved stories of all time with the audience humming the lyrics to Summer Nights and Greased Lightning.

Designed by: Dave Gilbert

Jennifer
March



Almost in tears, Sandy talks to Danny after school about how he mistreated her in front of his friends and what they should do to fix their relationship.

At the prom, Doody played by Brian Sarnowski and Frenchy played by Ashley Szybala dance clumsily together as Doody tries to keep pace.

Jennifer
March



Stefanie
Lochmond



With a good impression of John Travolta, freshman Mark Kitchen makes his debut performance as Danny.

Stefanie
Lochmond



Sweet Sandy, played by senior Julie Lochmond, sits at home by herself on Prom night. Lochmond was also the female starring role as Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz" her freshmen year.

a group of students went to Cancún over spring break. This group included seniors Desiree Franco, Rachel Scroggins, Jennifer Dixon, Ilsa Conover, Carrie Rake, Amy Wright, Lyndsay Ponda, and Chrystal Greenwell.

This is just one group of many that flock to the this popular spring break paradise.



Spring Break Fantasies

While basking at a sunny beach over spring break, senior Kristin Sparks met up with Mark McGrath from the band Sugar Ray.



some fulfilled



others still a dream

As some people met celebrities in the flesh over spring break, others fabricated the fantasy. This one depicts senior Rainier Alcantara hanging out with Christina Aguilera, once again, 'in the flesh.'

photo generated by Rainier Alcantara

Rachael

Scroggins



A walk down the streets of Cancún, leads seniors Carrie Rake and Lyndsay Ponda into the arms of a street vendor. At least two of them look happy.

At the beach in Cancún, seniors Ilsa Conover and Carrie Rake playfully jump and fall back in the waves. The temperature and clear skies made for a perfect day.

Rachael

Scroggins



Rachael

Scroggins



While in Cancún, seniors Rachael Scroggins and Ilsa Conover attended a Mardi Gras style party. This was one of many parties the group went to while on spring break. Along with parties the group went to the beach quite often and also checked out many of the local clubs.

the 2000 **d**ressed and ready, Outstanding Young Man, Aaron Priest, awaits his turn at the personal accepts his award. Priest was Student Council President, a National Honor Society member and acted in the Fall Play and Spring Musical.



An idea of 32 senior guys doing a workout routine in their boxers scares most male students while attracting the female population. Through it all, those 32 seniors had fun in their boxers.

It was late January when 32 students competed for scholarship money in the 2000 Outstanding Young Man Competition. The competition began with the preliminaries which included the physical segment and the one-on-one interview. The next night made up 60 percent of the voting. The physical segment made

Fun in underwear

up 20 percent, the one-on-one interview was 30 percent and a review of grades and college entrance exams made up 10 percent.

in the first competition of the century, senior aaron priest wins the event



The final night, seniors went through the casual segment and the presentation and address. The casual segment made up 20 percent and the final

event, presentation and address, made up 20 percent as well.

Senior Alex Lo said the hardest part of the competition was "standing in formal wear while Mr. Stevens asked everyone questions. [It] felt like an eternity and you were burning up under the lights"

Last year's OYM winner, Ryan Fisher, handed the award to the winner of the night, Aaron Priest. That night Priest walked away with \$1500 in scholarship money.

Through the boxers, tuxedos and casual wear, the competition was all about having fun with friends. "It was like getting paid for having fun and hanging out with your friends, not to mention the free food, shirts and pop," Lo said.

Written By: Christopher Mihal

Designed by: Christopher Mihal



In the middle of a sit-up, Daniel Nemeth participates in the work-out routine. Judges looked at the students attitude and whether they followed the routine correctly.

Back from last year, the 1999 Outstanding Young Man, Ryan Fisher stands with auditorium director Mr. Joe Stevens.



In front of the audience, senior Rainier Alcantara shows off his dance moves. In the competition, presentation and address made up 20 percent.

One tradition that has stayed in the competition is the workout routine. Michael Halaschak, along with many other participants, sported the smiley face boxers.

Junior Miss 1999 - 2000

June 10th at 7:30 p.m., 28 up coming young women of the senior class 2001 attended the 20th Anniversary of the P.H.S. Junior Miss Pageant in the Portage High School East Auditorium. The preliminary dates were held on June 6th, 7th, and the 8th. This event is conducted on local, state, and national levels to allow the girls to get a chance to earn college scholarships to further their education for a brighter, clearer future. This special event not only recognizes these girls and rewards them, but also encourages excellence among these young women in today's society. Each and every one of the

young ladies attending the Junior Miss pageant are able to choose and put on display her own talent and efforts. These

previous titleholders also returned for this special celebration of the Portage High Schools' twentieth anniversary Junior Miss Pageant, and were acknowledged in the spotlight during the ceremony of this special occasion. The Junior Miss wall in the lobby of the auditorium was also dedicated that afternoon, with all nineteen former winners participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

These past winners all attended from Florida all the way to California and all places in between. Congratulations to all whom contended, attended, and participated in this wonderful event especially Erin Ables who was crowned this year's Junior Miss.



young women are honored and encouraged to continue the path of excellence by completing their college education and assuming their own roles of leadership, their responsibilities, and their pride in their communities and in their professions they have chosen or will soon choose. All 19

Written By: Jessica Jones

Designed by: Christina Vega

Before the curtain rises, the Junior Miss contestants form a large circle and encourage each other for the upcoming night.





Physical fitness was exemplified by all contestants while they exercised. The fitness routine was well choreographed as the ladies all punch out in unison.



Balance and coordination were tested as the girls performed kicks throughout their fitness routine. The routine was taught in eight counts and took a great deal of time and effort to look so well polished.

One of the best feelings junior Elizabeth Enrico had that night occurred when she received a hug of genuine congratulation from a friend immediately after her name was announced for a pageant award.

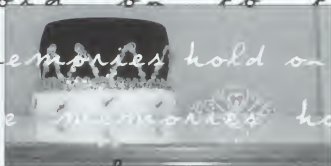
Prom is a time of memories, especially for the seniors. Prom is the last dance of their high school careers. "It is the last chance for me to be with friends in a school event besides graduation," said senior Dustin Littlefield.

The theme for prom this year was "Hold on to the Night". It just so happens that the second line in the refrain is "Hold on to the memories". Prom memories can sometimes be not all that pleasant. Junior Tiffany Harris complains, "After prom Billy and I went out to the car, and as he started the car the battery died. We were stuck at the Expo Center until two in the morning." Others, on the other hand

Hold On to the Night

would have not changed a thing. "I would not have changed a single thing because I looked so d**n good," bragged junior Jacob Cohen.

hold on to the memories hold on to the memories hold on to the memories



The junior class was in charge of prom arrangements. They took care of the catering, photography, decorations, and entertainment. This year there was a dispute over the photographer.

John Sykes decided to have pictures in the studio, instead of at prom, like the tradition.

Fortunately another photographer agreed to be at prom for pictures. A video of prom was also provided to recreate the night for students and faculty. The entertainment was provided by Entertainment Express. A former Portage alumni, Ismael (Izzy) Dejesus worked the music, and break danced.

Prom can bring many different thoughts to mind. "I think of formal dancing with some fun mixed in," said senior Robert Deleon. Memories of prom can come in many forms, whether it be how a person looked to the form of transportation.

Written By: Angela Magaña

Designed by: Angela Magaña



Posed for the camera are seniors Jaletta Kalman and Stuart Curran. In each others arms seniors Angela Lazar and Jason Ritter dance after being crowned.





While breakdancing senior Rainer Alcantera removes his shoe to pump up his performance. The deejay joins in the dancing as well.

After being crowned, Juniors Christina Chase and James Ramirez dance together.



fun facts and figures

- The theme for 2000 Prom is "Hold on to the Night".
- The Prom King and Queen are seniors Jason Ritter, and Angela Lazar.
- Juniors James Ramirez, and Christina Chase are the Prince and Princess.
- A total of 369 couples attended Prom this year.



The other nominees for queen congratulate Angela Lazar on her victory.

On the dance floor is senior Alex Lo as he shows his break dancing skills. Lo was nominated for Prom court also.

fun facts and figures

- The Valedictorian this year is Carrie Javorka with a GPA of 4.3962
- This year's salutartorian is Julie Lochmondy with a GPA of 4.3462
- Mr. Les Klein, who retired this year, gave a speech to the graduating students about never giving up.

Many gather for graduation. This year graduation was held outside since the weather was nice.

For his accomplishments Vance Carlin is recognized by the director of secondary education, Mr. Terry Levenda.



As his last duty as a senior, Daniel Nemeth turns his tassel. The seniors are not allowed to toss their hats.

A smile for the camera. Micheal Ozlizio waits in line to sit before the graduation ceremony begins.





The keynote speaker, Mr. Les Klein speaks to the students, stressing the point not to ever give up.

After receiving her diploma Stephanie Alteri walks off the stage. Actually, the seniors get a folder that holds diploma.



The diplomas are handed out, the seniors are seniors no more. They will never attended a school dance, eat a school lunch, or receive another tardy. Of course not all things will be missed. Now is the time when the seniors make their choices; choices of which road to take that will lead to the rest of their lives. Some seniors will go to college, others will go straight to work. Robert Deleon is not going to college right away. He is going to work for Microsoft for five years and then they will pay for his college. Over the summer he also plans participating in a show for a

Written By: Angela Magaña

Now What?

convention for the movie *Star Wars*. The summer after senior year is a time to relax, organize or just have fun. Some students

seniors take first steps away from high school and into the rest of their lives.

choose to take vacations to places like Europe or Mexico, while other seniors are choosing the path of college right after high school. Elizabeth Batista is going to attend college at Indiana University during the summer. She is going during the summer to get a head start on the college life. The

majority of the seniors are starting college in the fall. Natilie Yudt received a full ride to Green Bay to play basketball. Over the summer she will also participate in the Indiana All-Star League for basketball. Senior Joseph Bloomfield stated, "I am very excited for college. I know exactly who I am rooming with and where. The house I am staying in is one of the best halls GPA-wise." Bloomfield will be attending Purdue University. Every senior will choose their own path that suits them best, and from there the rest will file in as it should. As the present seniors depart from the high school new seniors will enter ready to make different choices or maybe even the same, but the question will still remain, now what?

Designed by: Angela Magaña

quest to



belong

It is natural for students to have that *need to belong* to groups other than their *normal classes* such as English, math, or science. These are organizations that are usually after the school day has ended. Whether it is the Film Study or Art Clubs, students always *have a place* they enjoy to go and *to belong*. People are constantly looking for that *special place*. No matter what or where, people will always *quest to belong*.



advisor: Mr. Jimmy Downes
 president: Scott Wozanski
 vice president: Chad Norris
 treasurer: Harold Morgan
 secretary: Jonathan Thomas
 number of members: 14
 stuff they did "I would love to teach a film study class, but we don't have one so that's why I proposed this. If it gets popular hopefully we can start a film study class."
 Mr. James Downes

front row: Anthony Line, Erin Fitzgerald. second row: Jonathan Thomas, Harold Morgan, Mr. James Downes, Chad Norris, Scott Wozanski, Adam O'Hare. back row: Lisa Lombardi, Jeremiah Crisp, Rebecca Anders, Rusti Schnelle, Serenity Kroledge, Tracy Cobb, Julie Peters.



Involved in the movie, senior Lisa Lombardi captures the moment of the movie. Afterwards the club critiques each film.

One day a week, a handful of students get together to watch films. Afterwards the members discuss their opinions about the movie.

Photo By: Jennifer Mesich





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As he enjoys his after school snack, sophomore Jonathan Thomas prepares to watch a movie. The students were allowed a snack while watching the movie.



Photo By: Jennifer Mesich

This is the first year for such a club like Film Study. Mr. Jimmy Downes stated that if the Film Study Club became popular, he would like to start a class.

"At first I thought it was a film class, but it wasn't and I was mad!"
-Junior Scott Woloanski

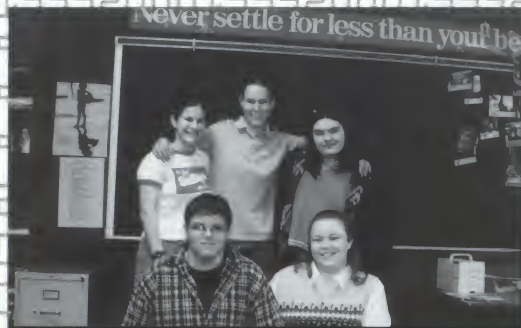


"I've never been in anything in my life. This was new so I said why not?"
-Sophomore Misty Cole



"I critique movies at home. I thought this club would be something, different."
-Sophomore Chad Norris





front — Jordan Chaddock, Heather Vondrasek. back —
Rebecca Anders, Deborah Peterson, Tabitha Ferguson.

advisor: Bonnie Albert

number of members: 10

What should Youth Alive be
is a group of students that discuss
religious faith and the world
around them. Scripture Verse:
Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes
and turn them from darkness to
light, and from the power of
Satan to God, so that they may
receive forgiveness of sins and a
place among those who are
sanctified by faith in me."

youth alive

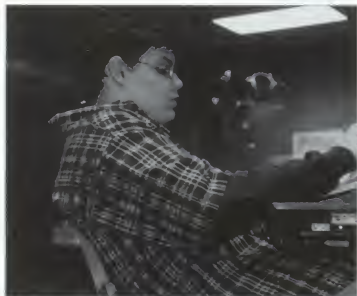


Photo By: Jennifer Mesich

As he turns the page,
freshman Jordan
Chaddock reads from the
Bible. Youth Alive is a
group that discusses the
role of religion in life.

In a group discussion,
senior Heather Vondrasek
states her opinion, while
others listen. Youth Alive
was open to the opinions
of each member.



Photo By: Jennifer Mesich



Photo By: Stephanie Loftland

As she listens to the teacher, Stephanie Davis thinks about the question at hand. The club often discussed the latin culture at the meetings, besides the many fiestas.

While at a meeting sophomores Yasmin Fontanez, Stephanie Davis and junior Oyku Esen laugh at a joke. The Spanish club met on various Mondays through the year.



Photo By: Stephanie Loftland

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advisor Veronica Garcia
 president- Karla Villacin
 vice president- Erin Fitzgerald
 treasurer- Julia Niksch
 secretary- Oyku Esen
 number of members 13
 stuff they did The Spanish club is like any other club but with a Spanish twist. The group has fundraisers such as selling candy or ornaments.
 Spanish



front row Stephanie Davis, Oyku Esen. second row Julia Niksch, Erin Fitzgerald, Tarsia Hunt. back row Seniors Garcia, Dorthy Cantu, Karla Villacin, Jason Huckaby.



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admission Mr. David Mastly
 number of members 12-14
 stuff they did Teaching
 Chinese chess and Mah Jongh. An
 Introduction to fifty kinds of
 Chinese teas, and discussion of
 Chinese language and culture.
 who can join chinese
 class Anyone who is taking a
 Chinese class

chinese class

first row Erin Ables, Julia Johnson, Cameron Kelly-Johnson.

second row Kari Kopko, Sadia Javed, Tiffany Rogani, third row
 Christina Pounika, Joseph Bailey, Monica Bedroya, Mr. Mastly.

fourth row Jeff Williams, Kenneth Cheany, Rusty Schnelle, Adam Ritter



as they enjoy each others
 company seniors Jeff
 Williams, Tiffany Rogani,
 and Cameron Kelly-
 Johnson play a game of
 Chinese chess.



Photo By: Jennifer Kaminski



Excitement is the name of the day when the game of Mah Jongg is played. Don't forget the Swedish fish.



As she examines the list of moves she has already made, senior Rusti Schnelle plans her next move. Chinese Chess is just as complicated as traditional chess.

advisor Mr. James Douglas

chief justice Genise Britton

senior parliamentarian

Denisa Hobgood

justice Angela Garza

justice Star Bulva

justice Vance Carlin

justice Charles Mitchell

number of members 10

stuff they did The student court interprets the constitution of the student council.

Student court



front row Genise Britton, Kari Kopko. second row Denisa Hobgood. third row Starlinia Bulva, Angela Garza. back row Mr. James Douglas.



Along with students from other schools, seniors Alexander Lo and Aaron Priest participate in the National Convention. Students traveled from all over to meet and exchange ideas.

At Camp Cheley, senior Tammy Chadwick laughs with her fellow campers. Camp Cheley is a one week camp in Colorado designed to help students to develop skills that allow them to lead successfully.



"It [Student Council] stands for helping out our school to make sure everyone's voice is heard."

-Senior Erica Lo

"I really enjoyed delivering food for the food drive; the people were so thankful."

-Senior Katie Foster



Photo By: Stephanie Lofland

In an effort to make a fair decision, senior Genise Britton, juniors Matthew Harris and Kari Kopko review the protocol of a hearing with Mr. James Douglas. It approves the motions passed by the student council.

Over the summer, the Student Council meets to prepare for the upcoming year. The student council did many activities during the summer like the teacher car wash as well as many activities throughout the year.



- advisor - Mr. Ron Hancock
- president - Aaron Priest
- vice president - Alexander Lo
- treasurer - Erica Lo
- secretary - Katie Foster
- members of the council - 75

stuff they did Fall Homecoming, food drive, Secret Pal, State Convention, Halloween safety, teacher car wash, teacher breakfast, Project Angel Tree, Christmas Dance.

Student Council

front row Alexander Lo, Katie Foster, Erica Lo, Aaron Priest, Mr. Hancock.
second row Mrs. Brown, Alexis Chaddock, Angela Magana, John Andrews.

Caryn Adair, Jennifer Bellville, Carrie Barnum. third row Philip Guerre, Wendy Eastwood, Jennifer Vargas, Amanda Diaz, Jeannette Sanchez, Victoria Perez, Richard Barajas, Sadia Javed, Charlie Mathewson, Douglas Tomes, Jade Lopez. fourth row Shane Setnor, Julie Lochmondy, Diane Zenci, Tammy Chadwick, Sance Ibrahim, Ashley Szybala, Kristin Selund, Kristen Szabo, Breanna Beike, Patricia DeBord, Ashley Cunningham, Michael Jurgensen, Andrew Warren, Richelle Alcantara. back row Ruben Alicea, Dustin Pittman, Matthew Scheuer, James Kallimani, Laura Burch, Melissa Wright, Gregory Ciesielski, Amy Barwig, Joseph Bloomfield III, Emily Henke, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Jeffrey Jones, Christopher Gomez, Kevin Wall, Vidimir Ivanovic, Aaron Clark, Alice Wozniak, Brett Arnold.





who says Portage Indiana is boring



In class Janice Krajefska and Aja Rivera learn how to hold a needle properly. HOSA members must be enrolled in a health vocational class.



Photograph by: Mark & Kamel



Photograph by: Mark & Kamel

Students gather to learn the skill of taking blood pressure. HOSA is an option for students who plan to have a career in the medical field.

In class, seniors Amy Hall and Amanda Linley prepare to give a few students teeth impressions. The students in dentistry learn many things such as the proper care for teeth.



Photograph by: Mark & Kamel



a teacher shows how to properly give teeth impressions. Senior Michelle Thompson volunteers to have a mold of her teeth done.

Photograph by: *Maak Kammel*



Photograph by: *Maak Kammel*



Christina Baily, Denisa Hobgood, Jamie Irvin, Maureen Cary, Alicea Ruben, Brian Beach, Stephanie Christopher, Melissa Dickerson, Meghan Hagerty, Sandra Kennedy, Cassandra Krok, Jennifer Luther, Melissa Morris, Victoria Perez, Michelle Raupach, Nicole Ristich, Daniel Rodriguez, Jeanette Sanchez, Jennifer Sharp, Stephanie Sonaty, Rebecca Tungol, Jenika Tyrka, Amy Write, Christina Chase, Lindsey Benninger, Symmony Bogart, Tiffany Chauhitz, Lindsay Dominguez, Carolyn Jozwiak, Janice Krajelska, Crista Luchene, JoAnne Matthew, Aja Rivera, Tiffany Tucker, Shannon Moore, Tara Cardenas, Amy Hall, Angelina Ivanovic, Michelle McNamara, Alyson Merkner, Amanda Pilipovich, Tracie Sapkaroski, Michelle Thompson.

Adviser: Mrs. Wilson
What: This club consists of all medical and dental students. HOSA does community service in porter county They also go on retreats and compete with other students.
When: HOSA meets once a month

Being part of HOSA benefits all. We do many things for the community, so the HOSA family is an enjoyable experience. Junior Krista Luchene



advised by Mr. Robert Prellwitz
stuff she's had Throughout
the year, LRE Class and tutors do
different activities each term. In
addition to helping out in regular
classes, they do extra activities
such as baking, shopping, and
arts and crafts. They always
have a party at the end of each
term to thank the tutors and
celebrate the success of each
student.

the peer tutors

front row Justin Harrison, Michael Feeney, Amanda Barrientes,
Amber Sprague, Sarah Lindsay, Rebecca Brockett, Christine Wampler,
April Akins, Jennifer Gomez, Jessica Maisonneuve, Tina Devault.

second row Shayne Dooley, Michelle Williams, Sadia Javed, Yasmin
Fontanez, back row Sarah Grund, Steven Budkis, Ingrid Conover, Jacob
Cohen, Tiana Tuttle, Jason Robbins, Mike Oslizlo, Charles Paul, Sarah Cohen,
Daniel Doeing, Joshua Rocha.



Photo By: Daniel Doley

As he takes time out to
relax, freshmen Steve
Stathakis smiles at the
camera. All student
involved in the LRE
program would agree that
they benefit more
educationally as well
as socially.

Peer tutor Christine
Wampler and LRE student
Ryan Massey work on
some homework together.
Some of the tutors would
help the students not only
in regular academic
classes, but also in classes
such as Foods.



“Peer tutoring is one of those things that make you feel good about being there and making a difference in another’s life.”

-Junior Sadia Javed

“Patience is a definite must have. You must also be a good role model, and make good decisions. LRE students look up to their students.”

-Senior Amy Cobb



in gym class, senior Shane Kary does crunches. There would usually be a peer tutor in each gym class that would accompany the student and help their activity.



Photo By: Daniel Dailey

Stopping to smile for the camera. Senior peer tutor Michelle Williams gives a little attention to LRE student Shane Kary. Peer tutors were expected to help and show special attention to the students.

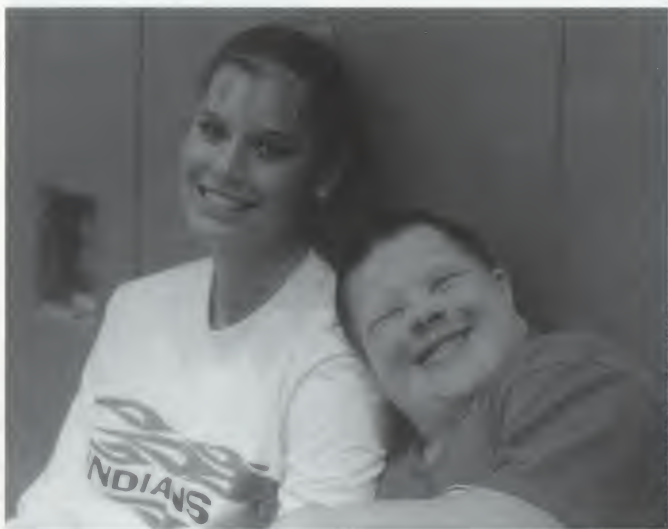


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advisor: Jim Guzikowski
 president: Valerie Warner
 vice president: Megan Van Auen
 treasurer: Megan Piddington
 secretary: Karen Belsha
 number of members: 16
 stuff they did: They were included in the Homecoming parade, red ribbon week, the haunted hayride, the Saddy Hawkins dance and the 'Just Say No' Picnic.
sadd/stop

front row: Adam Clough, second row: Megan Pennington, Olivia Grashel, third row: Rusti Schnelle, Amber Ferguson, Erin Fitzgerald, Amanda Hagan, back row: Ian Mathers, Ivan Colon, Tommy Boler, Lisa Lombardi, Julie Coningsore, Karen Belsha.

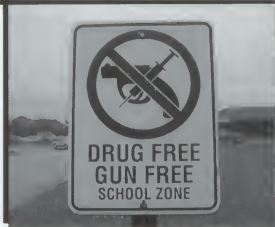


Photo By: Jan Vargas

President Valerie Warner discusses plans with advisor Mr. Jim Guzikowski. SADD/STOP met Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year.

Behind the table, sophomore Olivia Gracial enjoys her time with fellow group members. Later in the year, Gracial was named Vice President.



Photo By: Chris Messer



Photo By: Jen Vargas

At a SADD/STOP meeting, senior Karen Belska, secretary, copies down the agenda of the meeting. On the group's agenda was the first ever Sadie Hawkins dance at this school which happened in October.

"to me, the most rewarding experience was helping with the 'Just Say No' picnic. It was really cool seeing all the happy children."

-Sophomore
Olivia Grashel



"it was an experience of meeting all of the members as themselves."

-Freshman
Amanda Hagan



Photo By: Chris Messer



To raise money, SADD/STOP members waited for their next customer to purchase pizza. The group sold cheese, sausage and pepperoni as a fundraiser.

Senior Megan Pennington chats with other members while she enjoys a warm slice of pizza.

While on his way outside, junior Richard Barajas receives a hug from senior Aaron Priest. Many of the activities take place outside on the retreat.

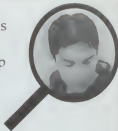


"There was this stray dog with a dislocated hip that lead us around the trails. By the end of the retreat it was named Pimpie."

-Junior Richard Barajas

"I hope people who are chosen decide to go, because it was a great time, both times I went."

-Senior Sean Ribley



advisors Lynn Wilson and Kelly Ellis

stuff that did During homeroom on the first day of school, juniors and seniors are asked to fill out a form. The form is asking them to tell who they confide in. These people may be anyone from friends to teachers, or even parents. The individuals that have their name written the most are the Natural Helpers.

natural helpers fall



first row Lynn Wilson, Matthew Mahns, Sean Ribley, Elizabeth Enrico, Michelle Thompson, Sanece Ibrahim, Gregory Mundt, Denisa Hobgood, Alex Lo, Kelly Ellis. second row Kelly Pokorney, Tara Cardenas, Jason McKinney, Aaron Priest, Kathy Ostrander, Adam O'Hare. third row Diane Zenci, Sarah Crowley, Richard Barajas, Stephanie Price, Kristen Leon, Vanessa Soboleski. back row James Downes, Erin Wendt, Mark Karmel, Ruben Alicea, Jeffery Perry, Brian Ball, Valerie Borg, Shaina Pelot.



addressed Lynn Wilson and

Kelly Ellis

sauff she said The students who are chosen are taken on a retreat. There are two retreats, in the fall and in the winter. On this retreat all expectations are lost, and feelings are exposed. Students agree that this was one of the best times of their life.

natural helpers

winter



front row Kevin Damerell, second row Ruben Alicea, Kelly Ellis, Robert Tugurian, Dustin Littlefield, Jeanette Sanchez, Winter Felinski, Michelle Thompson, Denisa Hobgood, Carrie Martin, third row Rebecca Siminski, Chrystal Greenwell, Abby Porter, Brad Hullsick, Micheal Pickart, Angela Magaña, Jennifer Kaminski, Sandy Korso, fourth row Lynn Wilson, Mark J. Karmel, Anthony Holean, Anna Villeneuve, Genise Britton, Kari Tharp, Amy Hall, Lindsey Benninger, Maureen Cary, fifth row John Micheal, Matthew Welches, Aaron Priest, Brian Camp, Cassie Mann, Krystal Levai, Janice Krajcelska, sixth row Jason Bristov, Daniel Koshial, Scott Riley.

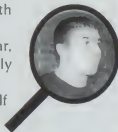


"I will always remember how cold the guys looked outside, and also how extra cold Dusty must have been."

-Junior Jennifer Kaminski

"I was prepared physically, with all the necessary gear, but emotionally I did not prepare myself at all."

-Senior Robert Tugurian



After reflection, students write their feelings on the posterboard. The writings then become a giant rainbow that represents everyone that attended the retreat.

Superstar! On the retreat students and teachers let down their shields and show their true colors. Time is allotted for play and fun, which is taken advantage of.

A R T

Pictured here is Dennis Burton's artwork for his Drawing 3 class. The subject of the project was mixed media.



The many faces of PHS



An example of students using art to express their interests and personality. Kenneth Draves picture for Drawing 3 featured the artist LL Cool J.

Animals are the subject of Danielle Russell's contribution to the art show, the project for her Art Foundations.



For his Painting I class, senior Matthew Hutchins created a picture of soccer, one of the sports he is involved in.

With the use of pencils and magazines, Samantha Funke created a masterpiece for the student art show.



advisor Mrs. Lute-Brown

co-editor Nikki Basco

co-editor Letitia Gray

number of members 15

staff she has compiled submissions and published the school's literary magazine with poems, stories, photographs and art.

saga

staff members Ryan Wright, Tish Gray, Rebecca Widing, Crystal Leismer, Christina Chubbs, Megan Piddington, Melissa Evanatz, Autumn Venable, Nicole Basco, David Gapinsk, Lisette Fontanez, John Schick, Mrs. Mary Lute-Brown



Cooperation between staff members leads to a stronger publication. Seniors Nicole Basco and Autumn Venable work on editing a submission.



desktop publishing is one aspect of compiling a good literary magazine. Junior Ryan Wright searches for compositions that have made the final cut into the Saga

Photo By: Natalie Yude

"People really need an outlet, a way to express themselves"
-Advisor Mrs. Lute-Brown



"Because it gives them a chance to see their work published."
Sophomore
-Autumn Venable



"So we have a chance to say what we want to say"
-Junior
Lisette Fontanez





While reading through the submissions, junior Lisette Fontanez compares two different poems. Selection of works fit for publication is not always easy.

All of the submitted works are carefully read by the Saga staff for merit. Seniors Nicole Basco and Autumn Venable take time in class to carefully decide which poems best represent the best work.

Photo By: Natalie Yudd



Teamwork is essential in everything a group tries to complete. The Saga staff confer on their choices for poems to be published in the literary magazine.



advisor: Mr. Mark J. Karmel

president: Chris Stidham

vice president: Amanda Walworth

treasurer: Angela Magana

secretary: Nicole Robinson

number of members: 15

quill also did project angel tree, Placed 1st in the homecoming banner contest, participated in Christmas In April, prepared compatibility tests for Valentine's Day.

quill and scroll

front row: Amanda Walworth, Angela Magana, Stacie Culp, Jamie Wolfe. Second row: Megan McLeod, Jennifer Vargas, Stephanie Lofland, Nicole Robinson, Elizabeth Batista. back row: Mark J. Karmel, Rusti Schelle, Christopher Mihal, Hunter McKee, Chris Stidham, David Gilbert.



fun facts and figures

- Quill and Scroll is a nationwide Journalism Honor Society.
- Every year in spring, they have a ceremony to induct new members.
- Q&S members are required to perform community service each year.
- Quill and Scroll offers an annual Ethel Jones Outstanding Journalism Student scholarship.

"It is an honor that I've wanted since Freshman year, and here I am."

-Junior Nicole Robinson

"It's nice to be in a group whose goal is to help others."

-Junior Stacie Culp

"All Quill and Scroll members are so close, it creates memories I know I will remember."

-Junior Angela Magana





Concentrating on her work, junior Stacie Culp puts some finishing touches on her spread for yearbook. Being in publications is a requirement to be in Quill and Scroll.

At the head of class, President Chris Stidham and Vice President Amanda Walworth conduct a meeting for Quill and Scroll. At the beginning of the year, the officers are voted in by the members.



To advertise the sales for the compatibility tests and to raise money for the organization, senior Elizabeth Batista and junior Jennifer Vargas make posters together.

Communication is the key. During yearbook class, senior Jamie Wolfe and junior David Gilbert discuss some issues about the yearbook.

adviser Senora Lynn Huerta
 number of members 82
 stuff they did This honor
 society for foreign language
 students requires at least three
 consecutive "A's" in any foreign
 language. The Foreign Language
 Honor Society raised money for
 scholarships in the classes.

flhs



front row Patrick Thurber, Daniel Shattuck, Misty Cole, Joseph Bailey, Aaron Garza, Dennis Trafney, Chang Sheng, Amy Lochmondy, Kari Kopko, Kristin Siminski. second row Brooks Gordon, Rachel Vallejo, Shelby Luna, Caitlin Grooves, Nicole Keith, Kristen Selund, Danjelle Gazibara, Erin Ables, Julia Johnson, Sadia Javed, Erin Sweeney. third row Carlos Escabaseta, Lisa Lombardi, Nicole Robinson, Jessica Santiago, Erica Lo, Danielle Moore, Angela Lazar, Sara Egendorfer, Angela Banssen, Rebecca Upchurch, Lisa McNeiley, Lisa Owen. fourth row Charity Garwood, Tiffany Ramirez, Rhonda Mcquery, Catherine Deleon, Amanda Litke, Tarsia Hunt, Danielle Gingrich, Jill Young, Tanja Gazibara, Meghan Molter, Sara Canner. fifth row Casey Gutierrez, Colleen Stanish, Holly Paniaguas, Michelle Hicks, Oyku Esen, Laura Hodges, Michelle Williams, Kim McWaters, Cindy Howard, Heather Nelson, Matthew Crouch, Robert Tugarian. back row Alex Mulivilhill, Bryan Standurski, Jeffery Burton, Holli Burgess, Micheal Moon, Julie Koningsor, Brooks Sayer, Andy Mills, Chris Newton, Justeen Schultz, Milica Kosica, Carrie Javorka, Dennis Cimbalevich, Erin Wendt, Sarah Crowley, Julie Green.

a hand shake and pin are given to sophomore Catherine Deleon as part of the induction ceremony. Another part of the ceremony is that the students must say the FLHS "motto" in the language that they have acquired recognition for.



Photo By: Stephanie Loftland

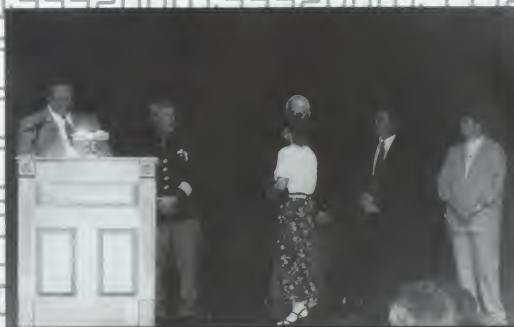
At the vocational ceremony Mrs. Peterson has another student sign the induction book. Only the top ten percent of the classes were chosen to be inducted into VHS.

Given her certificate, Meghan Molten is now officially part of FLHS. This year 94 students were inducted into the Foreign Language Honor Society.

Photo By: Lisette Fontanez



Photo By: Stephanie Lofeland



Valparaiso High School is where the Vocational Honor Society induction took place. Over 90 students were chosen by the guidance counselors of their school to be part of VHS. Only juniors and seniors are allowed to take part in the vocational classes.

adviser Mrs. Audra Peterson
number of members 94
stuff they did For the fifth year, the top 10% of vocational students were inducted in Vocational Honor Society, from 24 programs. The students are from nine county schools and are selected by the guidance counselors of those nine schools. The induction ceremony was held at Valparaiso High School.

vhs



adviser Ms. Beth Duncan

number of members 95

stuff they did The Portage

High School chapter of the National Honor Society were involved in many things like the school blood drive, singing holiday songs at a retirement home, raising money and gifts for needy children, and Christmas in April

nhs



members Rainer Alcantara, Jennifer Andrews, Elizabeth Batista, Lindsey Benniger, Joseph Bloomfield, Tammy Chadwick, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Hubert Cook, Eileen Craighead, Danijela Gazibara, Carrie Javorka, Milica Kosćica, Doug Lewandowski, Alexander Lo, Erica Lo, Julie Lochmondy, Lisa Lombardi, Daniel Nemeth, Christine Paunicka, Jennifer Rhodus, Steve Samuel, Shannon Sandlin, Rusti Schnelle, Margaret Simkin, Matthew Welches, Michele Williams, Natalie Yudi, Diane Zenci, Jennifer Abbott, Erin Ables, Amy Barwig, Monica Bedroya, Jennifer Biller, Michele Blank, Valerie Borg, Christopher Burton, Jennifer Byroad, Sara Crowley, Oyku Esen, Erin Fitzgerald, Katie Foster, Joshua Harman, Allen Hughes, Saneer Ibrahim, Sadia Javed, Amber Johnson, Jennifer Kaminski, Bethany Kane, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Kari Kopko, Angela Lazar, Kristen Leon, Amy Lochmondy, Karin Lyshoj, Xavier Mendez, Amanda McKenzie, Jason McKinney, Rhonda McQueary, Allison Peda, Dawn Piazza, Abby Porter, Stephanie Price, Aaron Priest, Nicole Robinson, Kristen Selund, Chad Smolar, Ashley Szybala, Dennis Trafny, Kathryn Trathen, Shreevonia Walker, Amanda Walworth, Jamie Wolfe

a professional nurse checks on a student's progress. The annual blood drive is just one of the ways the NHS tries to get the whole school involved in community oriented projects.



Photo By: Beth Duncan



just before the holiday break. NHS members sing at a local retirement home. The retirees enjoy the chance to get into the Christmas spirit.



Photo By: Beth Duncan

With love and affection, senior Diane Zenci helps bring a little holiday cheer to a little girl. NHS donated a lot of their time and energy to helping those less fortunate.



Photo By: Beth Duncan

Group hugs were the theme of the day for senior Julie Lochmondy and two small children. Dedication to others is just one quality that the NHS looks for in new members.



Photo By: Beth Duncan

Always ready to strike a pose, junior Amy Lochmondy smiles with a cute little girl. Participating in service projects are a requirement for all NHS members.



Photo By: Beth Duncan

Ready to play Santa, senior Kirsten Sekund smiles after socializing with a little girl. NHS gives many opportunities for fun and games.

One of the few snowboarders in Ski Club, junior Markus Gotz takes a jump on one of the massive hills at Shanty Creek. He has been snowboarding for four years and works at the Pines during the winter.

easily gliding down the hill, junior Torsten Gotz slows his speed. Like his brother,

Torsten started snowboarding four years ago in New Hampshire.

After a slight downfall, juniors Carol Slankowski and Ashley Szabala sit back and enjoy some leisure time.



Photo By: Mrs. Slankowski



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Photo By: Mrs. Slankowski

After a long and hard day of skiing, sophomores Pat Thurber, Adam Bitter, Michael Urbanick and juniors Torsten and Markus Gotz, sit back and enjoy the finer points of the trip: rest and relaxation.

Free falling at Shanty Creek in Bellaire, Michigan, freshman Nick Hamman prepares to land a jump. Hamman is a younger member of ski club, but still one of the higher rated members.



Photo By: Mrs. Slankowski

"The Ski Club brought together many friends and was a positive success."

-Senior Daniel Nemeth

"We had a lot of fun; they are a great group of kids"

-Advisor Mrs. Slamkowski

"Ski club is really fun because you get to know people outside of school"

-Junior Kristen Selund



Photo By: Mrs. Slamkowski

Upon arrival at Shanty Creek, freshman Nick Hamman and sophomore Brett Arnold prepare for a long and exciting day of skiing. Brett Arnold is one of the top rated performers in Ski Club.



advisor Marjorie Slamkowski

president Dan Nemeth

new member of our team 18

buff then went on a three day ski trip to Shanty Creek in Bellaire, Michigan along with participating in the Nastar Races a youth ski competition.

ski club

from team Mark Yaksic, Joel Slamkowski, Torsten Gotz, Adam Ritter, Pat Thurber, Matt Westercamp, John Yaksic, Dan Nemeth, Ashley Seabala, Joe Hargarten, Mike Urbanic, Markus Gotz, coach Brett Arnold, Nick Hamman, Kristen Selund, Dawn Piazza, Cristin Sparks, Carolyn Slamkowski.



mirror



images

When someone looks into a *mirror*, the *image* that reflects back is not always the *same person*. Students' lives and appearances change and grow according to the people and places that may *influence them*. With these influences comes all new hairstyles, clothes, shoes, and accessories that people feel play a *major role* and give them the image for that time. Without these influences we would always have those *mirror images*.

Class of 2000



Photo By: Daniel Daily

As he looks to the right senior Alexander Lo concentrates on his part in the fall play "Lost Horizon". This was his first performance in a fall play.

Jennifer Abbott
Allison Adams
April Akins

Rainier Alcantara

Jeremy Alexander

Ruben Alcea

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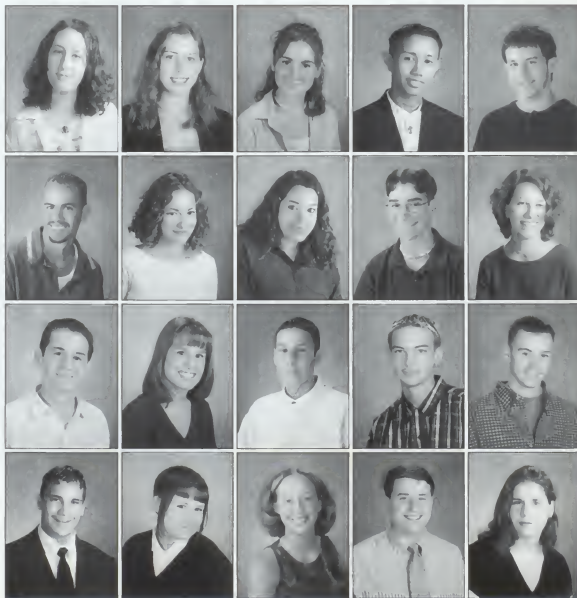
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Steffanie House

Cindy Howard

John A Hrisofos

Hollie Hufstetter

Joseph C Hulse

Michael Hunnicutt

Emily Hunt

Tarsia Hunt

Mathew Hutchins
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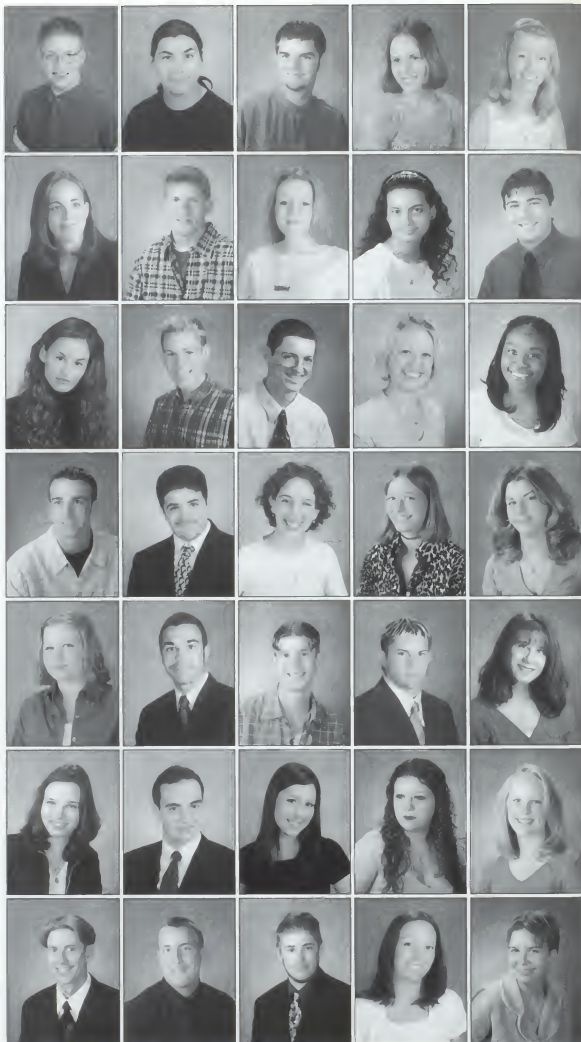
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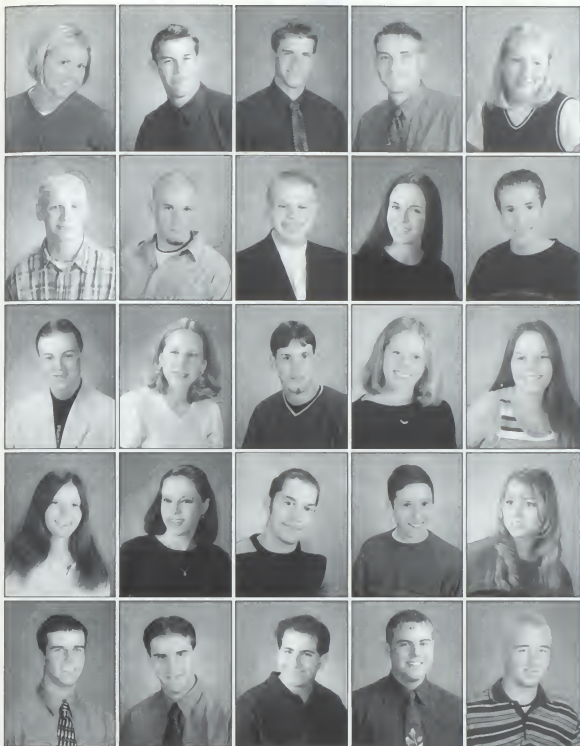
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Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Kathryn Kester
Kelly Kirk





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Jason Kish
John Kish
Lena Klakoski

Dean Klakoski Jr.
Christopher Kleckner
Joseph Kobylinski
Julie Koningsor
Gregory Koons

Joseph Kornel
Roxanne Krieg

Nicholas Kujawa

Angela Lazar

Tabitha Lee

Tiffany Lee
Shauna Lees
Jessie Lembcke
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Dustin Littlefield

what's the difference
between

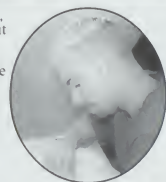


"The size of
the freshman.
we were about
as tall as
them. Now I
barely can see
them."

Rueban Alicea

"Freshman
year the
school seemed
so big, also a
lot of the
freshman were
immature."

April Jongsma



your freshman year

and your senior year???



"Freshman
year was more
exciting and
senior year is
more stressful
because of
preparing for
college."

Aaron Dewitt





Krystal Morgan
Jennifer Morrisroe
Ali Muhammad
Gregory Mundt
Corinne Munoz



Justin Murphy
Jordan Myers
Daniel Nemeth
NUS 41-2 TUES 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
9 JPL 11-2 THUR 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Julia Niksch
David Niloff



Erin Nolan
Jenise Collinsworth, Director | Community Programs
Community Connections @ National English Arts
Council

Mary Nolan

Cassandra Ogden

Brian Oldham

James Oliver Jr.
Executive Director | The Portland Regional
Arts Center | 2019-2020



Nathan Peek



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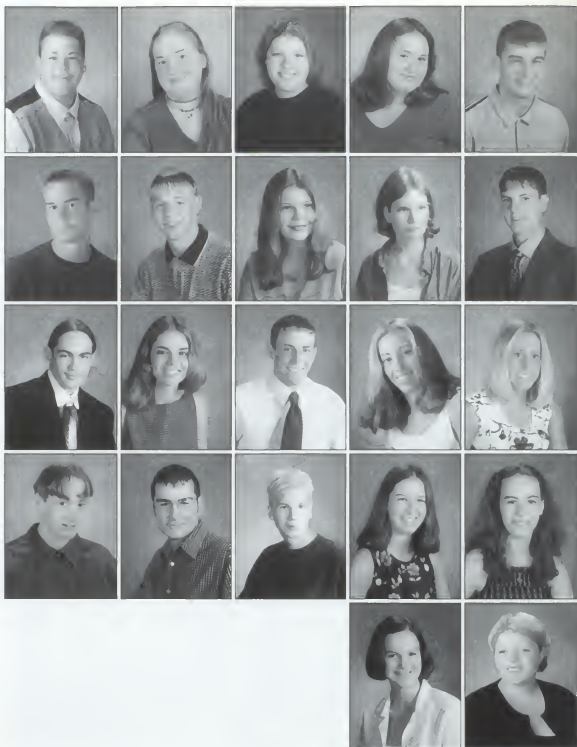
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At the homecoming parade the seniors represent their class. Every class creates a float to ride in the parade.



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Class officers Amy Barwig, Julie Lochmondy, and Christine Paunicka show off their pearly whites. All three have been involved with student council throughout high school.

what was your
most



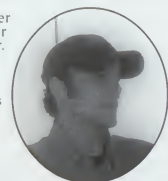
"Trying rubber gloves on our heads in Mr. Downes class."

Matt Huthlins



"Listening to Mrs. Wilson's stories-they're hysterical."

Symmony Bogart



memorable moment



throughout high school???

"Going to football games with friends on Friday nights."

Lindsey Benninger



Photo By: Eric Newbold



Photo By: Katherine Garris

The options students have for vocational study are many. Senior Amy Hall and Kim Sexton from Chesterton have fun showing the proper way to wear masks.

On Sept. 22 students received a fun day for improving overall ISTEP scores. Senior Scott Riley demonstrates his ability with hurdles.

Class of

2001

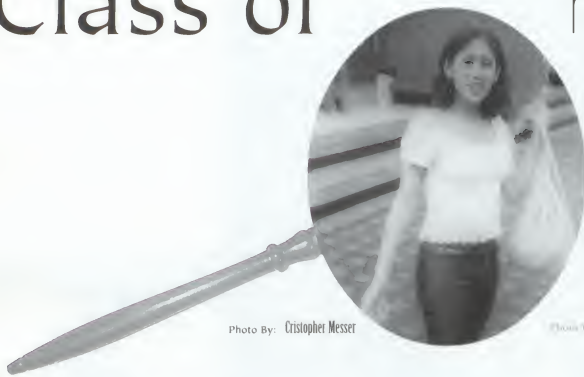


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While she makes her way through the commons, junior Dolores Lira throws her backpack upon her shoulder. This year, with eight minutes in between classes students have a chance to make their backpacks a bit lighter.

Nicole Abbott
Erin Ables
Caryn Adair
Susan Aimutis
Thomas Alderson
James Alexander
Tiffanee Alumbaugh
Benjamin Anthonijsz



Kathleen Appelman
Amanda Armenta
Brandon Arnold
Stephen Arvidson
Matthew Ashford
Amanda Autrey
Christina Bailey
Heather Bailey



Joseph Bailey
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Richard Barajas
Annette Bartok
Brian Beach
Monica Bedrova
Connie Behling

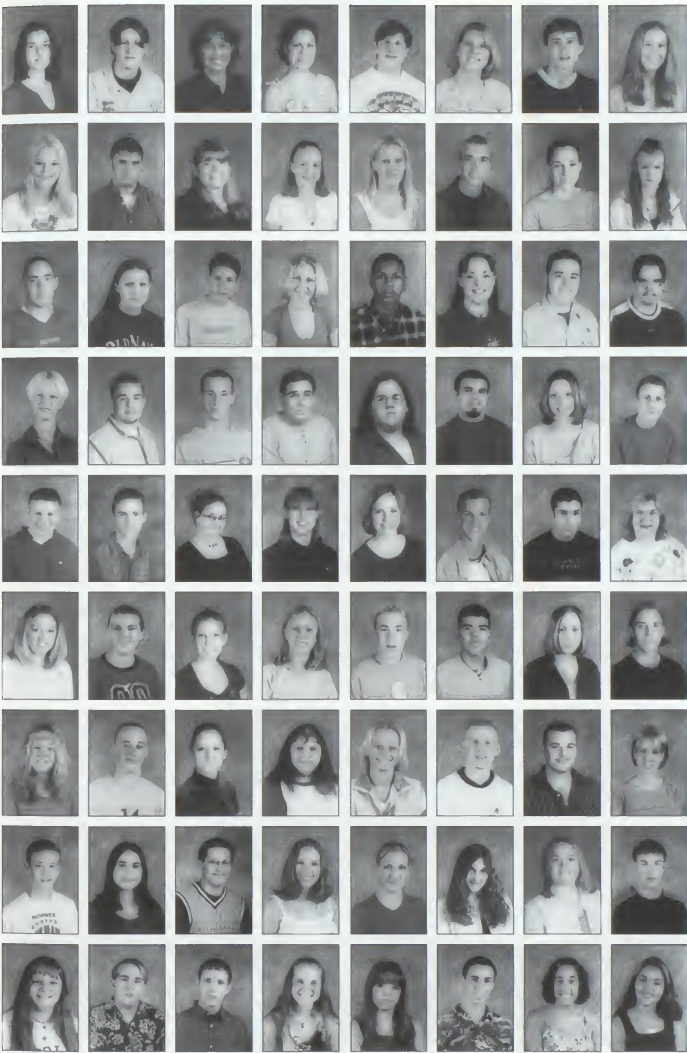


Breanna Belke
Lauren Benson
Jeffrey Berntsen
Jessica Berquist
Juanita Berrios
Jennifer Biller
Randi Blanchard
Michael Blanton



Joshua Bochik
Marie Boller
Michael Boyll
Faith Bratcher
Seth Britton
Kari Brown
Michael Brown
Robert Brown





Kera Brust
Christopher Burch
Laura Burch
Holly Burgess
Jonathan Caldwell
Laura Carpenter
Robert Carter
Maureen Cary

Jessica Casteel
Matthew Cates
Kellie Challant
Brittney Chamberlain
Sarah Chapman
Robert Charbonneau
Christina Chase
Jessica Checks

Nicholas Christian
Stephanie Christopher
Gregory Ciesielski
Stephanie Ciesielski
Akeem Clark
Sandra Clark
Brandon Clough
Randall Clouse

Jillian Cloyd
Jacob Cohen
Brandon Collins
Ivan Colon
Megan Cormican
Daniel Costa
Christal Couture
Matthew Crawford

Grant Crizer
Daniel Crouch
Kirsten Crouch
Sara Elizabeth Crowley
Stacie Culp
Jacob Cunningham
Jeffrey Curiel
Julie Damon

Ricki Daniels
Amber Darnell
Erica Davis
Jaclyn De Bord
Earl De Marco
Gilberto Delreal
Melissa Dickerson
Benjamin Dilts

Lauren Dimitri
Bryan Dixon
Wendy Eastwood
Michelle Eaton
Heather Elkins
Joshua Elkins
Ryan Embry
Elizabeth Enrico

Thomas Erickson
Oyku Ezen
Robert Espinoza
Melissa Evanz
Lynn A Ewen
Melissa Fabian
Julie Fancher
Nathan Farley

Angel Farr
Adam Feigl
Stephen Fejes
Rachel Fisher
Jillian Fitzgerald
Aaron Flores
Lisette Fontanez
Yasmin Fontanez

Gathered in the commons, juniors Aaron Garza, Benjamin Simon, and Chaz Paul flash each other the surf symbol. The commons was a popular place for students to meet after school let out.



Photo By: Jennifer Mesich

Amber Ford
Blake Foyteck
Cerald J. Fritz
Joshua Gamble
Aaron Garza
Michelle Gass
Jonathan Gentry Jr.
Frances Gibson



David Allan Gilbert
Ryan Graves
Robert Gray
Robert Greiner III
Phillip Guerre
Jillynn Guth
Meghan Haggerty
Sarah Halfman



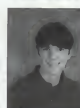
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Lauren Hansen
Kristopher Hardaway
Kimberly Harden
Joseph Hargarten
Christopher Harnung
Matthew Harris



Tiffany Harris
Amanda Hart
Derrek Harvey
Triana Hasselgren
James Hazzard
Heather Henderson
Michelle Henk
Martin Hernandez



Dennis Herndon
Michelle Hicks
Adam Higgins
Colin Highlands
Patrick Highlands
Anthony Holeman
Joseph Hood
Joshua Hughes



Tiffany Huhnke
Brad Hullsiek
Kristin Hutchins
Gina Hutman
Saneer Ibrahim
Jamie Irvin
Christopher Iwan
John James



Sadia Javed
Jennifer Jern
Jacqueline Johnson
Julia Johnson
Boe Jones
Bradley Jones
Jessica Jones
Kevin Jones





Marina Jordan
Maureen Jordan
Tabitha Joselyn
Carolyn Jozwiak
Joshua Juhasz
Renee Kaiser
Jennifer Kaminski
Christopher Kanich

Candice Keaton
Cortnie Keeling
Steven Kellman
Sandra Kennedy
Jade Kinsey
Emily Kirk
Crystal Kniola
Scott Knutsen

Matthew Konopasek
Kari Kopko
Mark Korba
Aaron Kowalski
Janice Krajewska
Keith Kreischer
Sara Krejci
Candace Kroledge

Stephanie Kuehl
Stephanie Labno
Juliana Lach
Lindsey Langston
Crystal Leisner
Kristen Leon
Amy Lesko
Jamie Lewis

Stephen Leyden
Cheryl Lightfoot
Dolores Lira
Danielle Little
Amy Lochmondy
Stephanie Loffland
Margaret Lomax
Melissa Lopez

Crista Luchene
Jennifer Luther
Angela Magaña
Andrea Mak
Amber Malenky
Justin Marcotte
Jamie Lynne Marsh
Crystal Massom



Photo By: Christopher Messer

did you know...

Chocolate contains the same chemical, phenylethylamine, that your brain produces when you fall in love. But do not have too much - an excess of phenylethylamine makes people very nervous.

Information was found at: www.yupstessknowledge.com

As she exits for a fire drill, junior Justeen Schultz holds the door for other students.

Ian Mathers
Melissa Mattingly
Lisa May
Nicholas Mayerik
Joshua McCluskey
Albert McCormick
Tiffany McCormick
Jamie McCune



Jason McKinney
Erica Mendez
Jennifer Mesich
Jeffrey Metz
Candice Meyer
Belinda Meyers
Joseph Michnik
Amber Miller



Brandi Minor
Melissa Misner
Michael Moon
Shannon Moore
Adam Moreno
Melissa Morris
Aaron Murre
Cassandra Mowbray



Nina Muhammad
Phillip Mulroe
Deidra Munoz
Jillian Nestler
Eric Newbold
Christopher Newton
Lauren Niemcewicz
Justin Nolan



Mandy Noll
Jessica Nugent
Crystal Nuñez
Kevin Nush
Nicole O'Dell
Kevin O'Quinn
Melissa Olovich
Joseph Orbe



Katherine Oslizlo
Holly Owen
Charles Pall III
Crystal Palmateer
Holly Paniaguas
Angelo Papachronis
Jacob Parker
Shannon Parker



did you know

Laughing lowers levels of stress hormones and strengthens the immune system. Six-year-old children laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day.

Information was found at: www.uselesssknowledge.com

In the counselors office, junior Gina Prichett and freshman Allison Wozniak laugh together.



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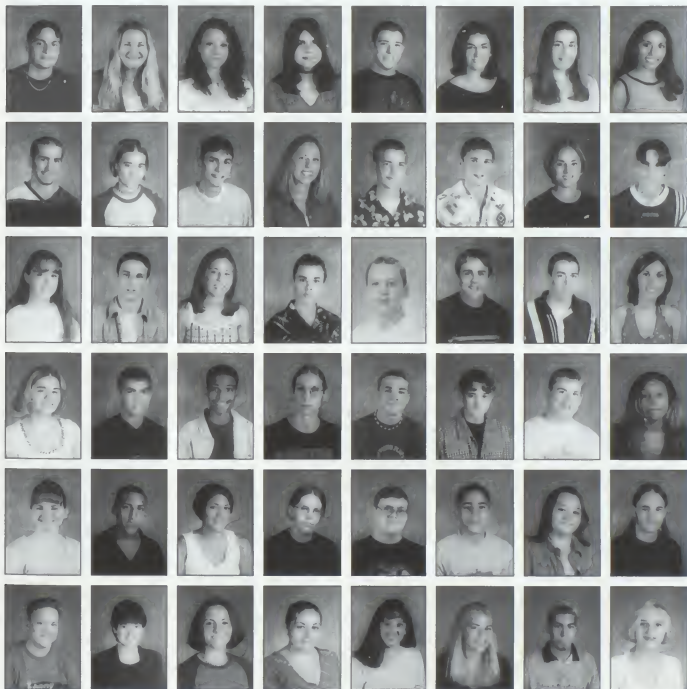
Who were you a ?copycat of??

Matthew Scheuer...11 11...Julia Johnson



I used to be a copycat of Micheal Jackson. I wore the one glove, and the tape on my fingers. While "playing" him I went through three whole records.

When I was little I used to copy the super star Jem. I loved her one star earring.



Brandon Parks
Christine Parks
Nicole Parnell
Honey Paul
Jeremy Pedone
Angela Peete
Nicole Pennington
Victoria Perez

Edward Persin Jr.
Melody A. Petersen
Justin Phillips
Dawn Piazza
Michael Pickart
Dustin Pittman
Abby Porter
Dustin Potter

Jessica Potts
Jason Praschak
Gina Pritchett
Justen Prugh
Karsten Quast
Marcus Rainwater
Matthew Ramlan
Tiffany Ramirez

Michelle Raupach
Gary Reed
Rodney Revels Jr.
Jeremy Richmond
William Rippel IV
Matthew Ripperdan
Nathan Ritchie
Aja Rivera

Nicole Robinson
Daniel Rodriguez
Rebecca Rodriguez
Adam Rogers
Jerry Rogers
Adam Roman
Crystal Rosas
Edward Roseberry

John Rosenquist
Karin Russell
Ashley Salfstrom
Christine Sanchez
Jeannette Sanchez
Lauren Sandor
Daniel Santana
Nancy Santos

Brian Sarnowski
Brandi Satka
Crystal Satter
Matthew Scheuer
John Schick Jr.
Aaron Schmidt
Justeen Schultz
Chad Schweitzer



Tyler Schweitzer
Christopher Scott
Kristin Selund
Matthew Semerneszki
Joseph Setnor
Curt Shaffer
Jennifer Sharp
Erin Sheehan



Stephanie Shepherd
Allison Sherer
Tiffany Sherwood
Angela Shields
Allison Shoppa
Rebecca Siminski
Benjamin Simon
Mitchell Sims



Steven Spich
Carolyn Slamkowski
Jessica Smedley
Heidi Smith
Kindra Smith
Robert Smith Jr.
Pamela Snoder
Patricia Snoder



Stephanie Sonaty
Amber Sprague
Nathan Stephens
Austin Stoner
Jamie Sutton
Scott Swanson
Brenna Sweeney
Erin Sweeney



Kristen Szabo
Ashley Szybala
Justin Tarin
Monica Tatela
Michael Taylor
Forest Terry
Brandie Thiel
TJ Thomas



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What word is the
? weirdest ?

Philip Mulroe...ll



Photo By: Daniel Daily

ll...Daniel Costa

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ. It is the weirdest
word because only big, yellow birds that live on Sesame
Street can say it.

Bumbling...who says that???

High School

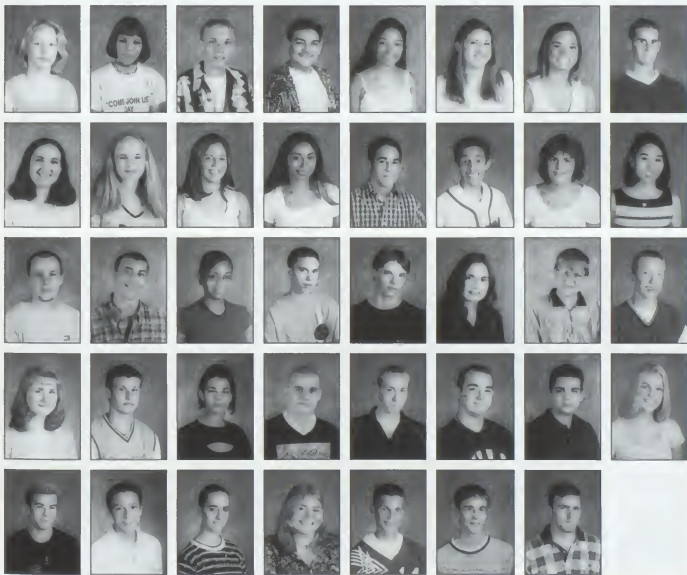
Through the eyes of the juniors

Story by: angela magana

The juniors have three years and counting in this place that most call high school. Opinions on the four years in these buildings differ some though. Now for some, the hours tick by one right after another. "Waiting for the bell to ring was one of the worst things in the school day," said junior Adam Roman. Then for others the time flew by. Drama teacher Mr. Bodnar agreed, "Oh yeah, high school went by fast, but it was a blast."

Every year students are called to their counselors office to choose their 'future' so to say. Students have the choice of going for their honor diploma, CORE 40 diploma, or neither. There are a plethora of options for students. Some apt to fill their years with academics. While on the other hand, senioritis takes affect and some choose to end their final years with gym classes and other electives. "I plan on taking a gymnastics class along with foods classes," said junior Victoria Perez. Of course this is not demeaning any of the classes. Many of the electives help students better prepare for their future vocation.

High school is a place where encounters can happen, and some do. "High school is a place of change. People gain friends and, it is sad to say, but they lose them too," junior Lauren Hansen explains. Everyone's opinion is left for them to figure out.



Aslinn Tibbetts
Veronica Tilley
Douglas Tomez
Michael Torchia
Hilda Torres
Jenny Torres
Rachel Torres
Dennis Trafny

Kathryn Trathen
Tiffany Tucker
Christen Tuttle
Jennifer Vargas
Jeffrey Veach Jr.
Robert Vega
Ryan Villa
Maria Villacin

John Vogt
Anthony Vottero
Shreevonia Walker
Jerrrod Wallace
Michael Wampler
Rachel Wayne
Edward Webdell
Christopher Wells

Erin Wendt
Ryan West
Stephanie White
John Wilburn
Joseph Wildrick
Donald Wilson
Scott Wolozanski
Brooke Wozniak

Derrick Wright
Casey Yasko
Nicole Zaideman
Dawn Zimmerman
Michael Ziulkowski II
Michael Zonder
Lucas Zorick

Class of

2002

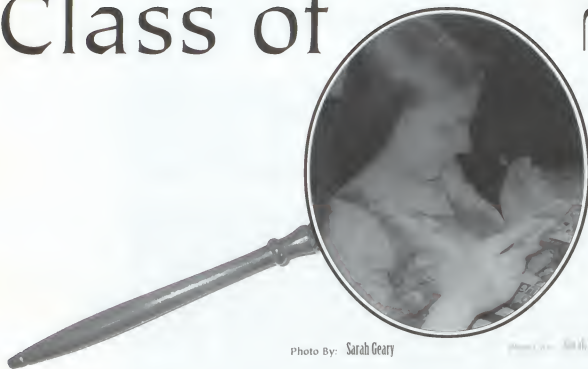


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To get rid of boredom, some students turn to their artistic abilities to help, such as sophomore Sarah Hammond does in geometry class.

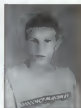
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Ryan Ayres
Melanie Badovinac
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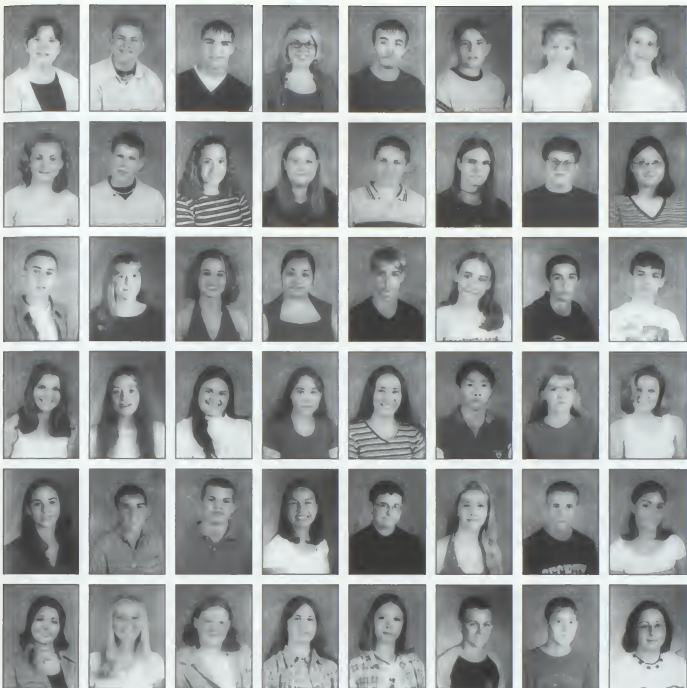


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Caroline Benko-Meyer
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Jessica Berlin
Nicole Bibby
Steven Blastic
Brandon Borders
Ginny Bornheim





Brandie Bosstel
Brian Bowles
Christopher Bowman
Ann Elizabeth Brajckl
Marcus Bravo
Gordon Brooks
Elizabeth Brown
Janna Brown

Kami Brown
Sonya Brubaker
Nathan Bryan
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Stephanie Chitwood

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Randy Clowers II
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Joshua Cody
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Misty Cole
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Heather Coombs
Brandon Coran
Jonathan Cotton
Samantha Cottrell



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In art class, sophomore Heather Nelson works on her sculpture. Sculpture is a more advanced art classes to take.

While Mr. Gurnsey's chemistry class is attentive, sophomore Daniel Baker decides to go to sleep.

As they sculpt
their statues,
sopomores Alicia
MacMillan and
Jody Greer
direct their
concentration
towards the base
of their art.

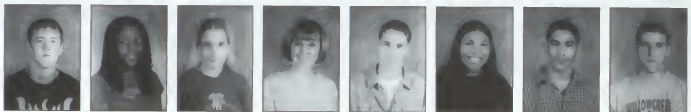


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Nicole Dearing
Melissa Deavers
Daniel Dehaven II
Catherine DeLeon
Roberto Delgado
Matthew Diamond



David Dienes II
Sara Dieringer
Nick Divich
Kenneth Doan
Michael Doane
Shayne Dooley
Tanya Downen
Donald Doyle



Francis Dranchak
Jaime Dudzik
Heather Dunn
Christopher Durkin
Kris Eckelbarger
Craig Edmonds
Dean Efanitis
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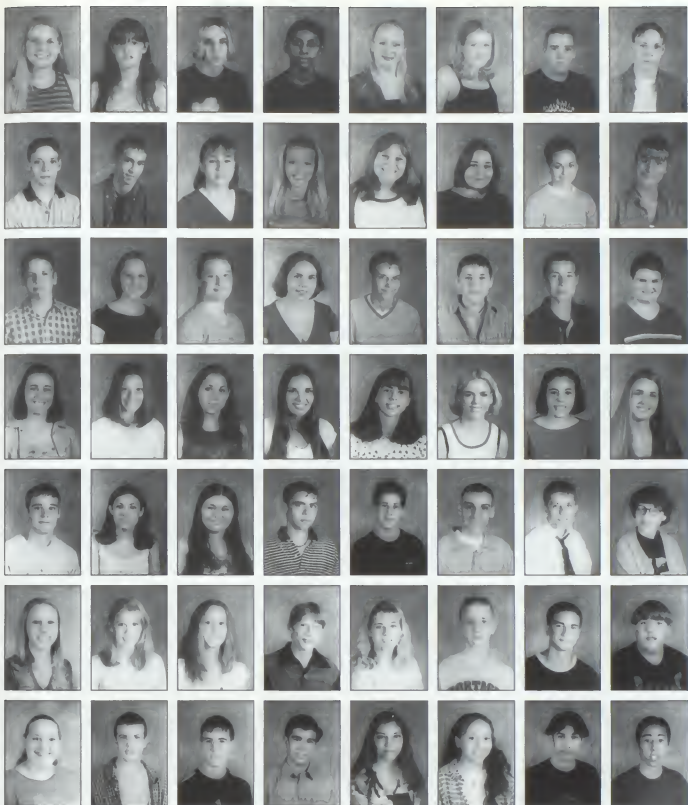


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Shaina Fink
Nicole Flannery
Wesley Fleck
Stephanie Floyd
Kala Fluck
Sarah Fluck



Daniel Ford
Ryan Foreman
Michael Forgas
John Fornari
Craig Foster
Ricky Frasure Jr
Chad Fredericks
James French





Kelly Fulkerson
Samantha Funke
David Gapinski
Juan Garcia
Ryan Garcia
Candace Gardner
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James Gardner

John Gardner
Lovell Garibaldi
Emily Garnett
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Sean Hassett
Daniel Hatten
Daniel Hedger

Samantha Hedger
Steven Helpingstone
Ryan Henry
Kerry Hernandez
Rosalina Hernandez
Stephanie Hernandez
Eric Herrera
Brandon John Hill

did you know...

Most people's legs are slightly
different lengths.

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Staci Hill
Laura Hodges
Tabitha Hogue
Aron Hollandsworth
Rex Hood
Michael Hostetter
Margaret Hostetter
Deanna Hounshell



Amanda Hritz
Heide Hullsiek
Amber Hulse
Emily Hursey
Jessica Hutchings
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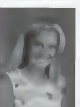
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Kyle Ketchum
Justin Kinder
Jessica Kirk
Julie Knight



Jason Komenda
Anthony Michael Kometz
Tracie Korbar
Nina Krass
Nathan Krenkel
Bryan Krieg
Richard Krieg
Serenity Kroledge



Stephanie Krostag
Curtis Ksenak
Amber Lake
Amber Langman
Sarah Larkin
Aaron Lasky
Randi Leggett
Ryan Lee



Top Gun because
flying is cool and Tom
Cruise is a stud.

sophomores charlie
metakam

Footloose is a cool
movie because it has
dancing, and dancing
is cool.

sophomores jennifer
bellville

My favorite movie is
Dirty Dancing because
it has dancing, and it's
very sexual.

sophomores jessica
vega

I like Pretty In Pink
because it's an
awesome movie and
the cd is the best.

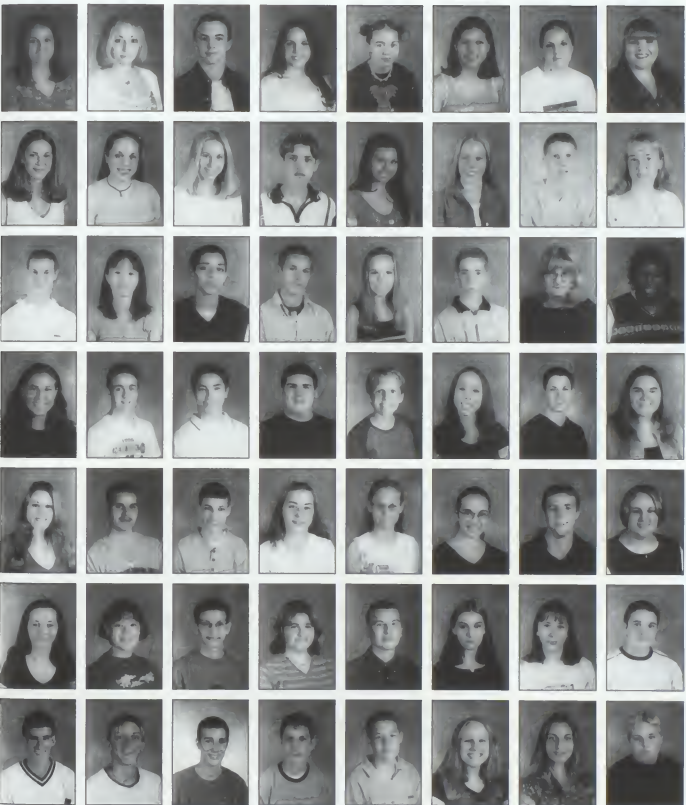
sophomores ashley
plummer

What's your favorite 80's movie??

did you know

An unusual eating disorder called tomatophagia is blamed on iron deficiency anemia. People with tomatophagia develop unusual cravings for such things as tomatoes, ice, detergent, starch, clay, or even dirt.

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Carly Lenson
Isha Leon
Mathew Leonard
Katie Lerch
Angela Lewandowski
Stephanie Lewandowski
Dyanna Lilly
Sara Lindsay

Kate Lindstrom
Amanda Little
Allison Lowe
Michael Lukacovic
Shelbie Luna
Michelle Lute
Corey Mace
Alicia Macmillan

Richard Maddox
Sara Mak
Jason Maldonado
Michael Maniatis
Kristina Manning
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Charlie Mathewson
Richard Matney
Alison Mayfield
Jennifer McClelland
Joseph McClelland
Katherine McMurry

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Christina Mihalik
Michelle Mihalik
Andrew Mills
Stacy Monnier

Katherine Monti
Melanie Morales
Harold Morgan Jr.
Michelle Mosca
Bryan Mose
Brandi Moser
Megan Multherin
Joseph Mullin Jr.

Alex Mulvihill
Brian Nagler
Allan Nagy
Russ Natalie
Russell Naumenko
Heather Nelson
Heather Nelson
Karl Nelson



When I was little, I was obsessed with this little flexible paper man. I also loved my little glow man. I had

—Stephanie Stephanie Thomas—

Before they were small enough to eat, heavy enough to throw and there was enough of them to make a mess

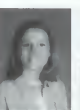
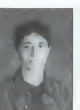
—Stephanie Paul Watson—

When you were younger, what was your favorite toy??



When you were younger, what was your favorite toy??

Mandy Nelson
Kenneth Newsum
Frank Nimeth
Luke Nixon
Jaime Nolan
Chad Norris
Jennifer Novotny
Nicole O'Connor



Anna Ogden
Stephanie Olson
Mark Oresik Jr.
Lindsay O'Rourke
Michael Otto
Lisa Owen
Jameson Owens
Mark Packwood



Jonathan Palmer
Lia Palmer
Charles Pancer
Christopher Papachronis
Kylene Parobek
Adam Paskevich
Jessica Patten
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Anna Perry
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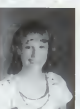
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Orlando Powell
Korrine Powers
Bradley Proper



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Kristal Ragon
Nicole Ragon
Nicole Rains
Jennifer Rak
Billie Jean Ramirez



Tami Ramirez
Kendra Randler
Meagan Rappatta
Kayla Rawdon
Jesse Ray Jr.
Daniel Reisen
Melissa Rhein
Katie Richards





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Ashley Richter
Tiffany Rigoni
Nicole Ring
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Eric Rivera

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Christopher Rodgers
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Aaron Schnarr

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Adam Schumacher
Leah Selby
Nicole Serratto
Lorelei Shannon
Daniel Shattuck
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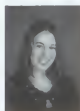


After the bell,
sophomores
Crystal Wiseman,
Jamie Woods,
Julie Knight,
and Janna Brown
stand by the
commons and talk
about what
they're going to
do after school.

Kelly Snow
William Sokol
Rebekah Somerton
Brandon Soria
Eric Spurr
Bryan Standerski
Shandra Stanfield
Christ Stathakis



Barbara Staton
Shauna Sterling
Bradley Stevenson
Mary Stinson
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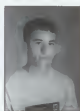
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Jonathan Thomas
Sunshine Thomas
Patrick Thurber
Holly Tomak



Julia Trachtenberg
David Trafny
Becky Trembly
Daniel Trepanier
Gilberto Trevino
Esther Tugurian
Tiana Tuttle
Nathan Uldricks



Rebecca Upchurch
Michael Urbanik
Brad Vah
Jennifer Vaicellunas
Sarah Vance
Jessica Vandergriff
Matthew Vanderploeg
Carla Vargas



Matthew Vaughan
Christina Vega
Jessica Vega
Adam Velazquez
Mashonda Venable
Patricia Volk
Shreeclatreece Walker
Jillian Wallace



did you know...

A bowl of lime Jell-O, when hooked up to an EEG machine, exhibited movement which is virtually identical to the brain waves of a healthy adult man or woman.

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No, if you want them go to the store. If you don't have guts to get them at a store than you shouldn't be having sex.

sophomores debate

allen

Yes, because people are going to have sex anyway, at least the school can try to stop pregnancy.

sophomores debate

hansen

Do you think condoms should be distributed in school?

Yeah, because I think it would promote safe sex.

sophomores debate

hughes

No, if you're ready to have sex than you except all the responsibilities, like buying condoms.

sophomores debate

stanfield



My favorite game is soccer
because it is fun to play, it like 3
me
Sophomore Amanda Satter-

What's your
favorite
game??



travels because you can push a
little button and it makes a cool
noise
Sophomore David Wang-

What's your
favorite
game??

After lunch,
some sophomores
share a joke
with friends
that they found
on the internet.
Many of
students'
favorite
memories are
during lunch.

Outside, in the
courtyard,
sophomore
Heather Dunn and
junior Jonathan
Shelton sit and
chat.



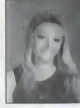
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Jennifer Wathern
Paul Watson
Stephanie Watts
April Webb
Amber Wegner
Samantha Weinman
Elizabeth Wells
Andrew Wheeler



Brooks Wheeler
Cory Whitten
Joleen Wiatrowski
Sarah Wilkins
Jeremy Williams
Stephanie Williamson
William Wireman
Justin Wood



Brent Wright
Melissa Wright
Melissa Wright
Robert Wring
Casey Yasko
Jill Young
Richard Zinkewitz
Donald Zygowicz

Class of

2002



Humor is something freshman Mark Kitchen is known for. A natural performer, he won the karaoke contest at Fun Day, was featured in the variety show, and also starred as Danny Zuko in the spring musical "Grease."

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Mark Kitchen

Lindsay Abram
Elizabeth Ailes
Richelle Alcantara
Jennifer Ancell
Kevin Anderson
John Andrews
Brett Arnold
Eileen Atkosh



Caitlin Austgen
Nicole Ayala
Steven Ayala
Lauren Bailey
Estelle Balunda
Alana Banks
Steven Barlow
Carrie Barnum



Deanna Bateman
Robert Bearss
Lindsay Bernal
Lauren Bernitsen
Michael Blakely
Ron Blaney
Tara Blystone
Trent Bolin



Ebone Bonds
James Bonta
Rebecca Bradford
Christine Brockett
Sarah Bucy
Joshua Bucy
Steven Budkis
Michael Budny



Jonathon Burchuk
Angel Burgos
Christopher Bush
Justin Butera
Matthew Caldwell
David Camery
Candice Campbell
Randy Campbell



Craig Candiano
Michelle Renee Carns
Kimberly Carpenter
Christopher Casson
Krystell Catlin
Anthony Cauley
Alexis Chaddock
Aaron Chaja

Lindsey Chamberlain
Elizabeth Chapman
Tiffany Christopher
Michelle Cirrincione
Kevin Clark
Candice Cleland
Adam Clough
Jason Clowers

Kevin Clowers
Jessica Cole
Richard Collins Jr.
Scott Colville
Valerie Comerford
Ingrid Conover
Elizabeth Cooper
Derek Costa

Jessica Cotton
Leigh Cotton
Michelle Couture
Elizabeth Creech
Ashley Cunningham
Shannah Curran
Heather Custill
Katie Danskin

Ashley Davich
Cherish Davis
Tonya Dearing
Patricia De Bord
Regina Degener
Kristina Dehnart
Jennifer Dennison
Amanda Diaz

~WHAT IS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING SCHOOL MOMENT?~ *humiliation*

Photo By: Connie Behling



A friend ran to give me a hug at Fun Day and ended up tackling me to the ground.

freshman

julianne repay

Photo By: Jennifer Mesich



I was doing a trust fall with one of my friends. He didn't catch me and I landed flat on my back in the mud.

freshman

maria rosano

I was in front of the orchestra class and my shirt came unbuttoned.

freshman

alison

anderson

Photo By: Jennifer Mesich



I got my finger stuck in a desk and they had to call 911 to get it out.

freshman

melissa wright

Photo By: Jennifer Mesich



Richard Diaz Jr.
Joseph Duarte
Kristina Edelen
Amber Edmonds
Tesa Emmart
Amy Engel
Crystal I. Eriks
Stephanie Erwin



Amber Escott
Diana Espinoza
Ronald Essany
Christina Farmer
Matthew Fejes
John Fela
Tabitha Ferguson
Nicole Fernandez



Steven Fiala
Christopher Figueroa
Lindsey Fishero
Jessica Fitzgerald
Joanna Fitzgerald
Jacob Fleck
Heather Fletter
Melissa Fontanez



Annie Foster
Angela Fozkos
James Jr. Fraley
Rachel Freeman
Mitchell Gale
Erik Garcia
Nicole Garcia
Susana Garibay



Adam Garner
Sarah Garner
Tiffany Garner
Scott Garwood II
Angela Garza
Carlos Garza Jr.
Michael Gesmond
Nicholas Giangliullo



Michael Giroud
Sean Glassford
Brian Golarz
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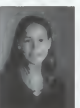


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In effort to improve his typing speed, freshman Joseph Gonzalez directs his focus to the computer screen.



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Practice is crucial for freshman Erika Johnson in order to master all the important skills taught in freshman gym.

~ WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU FEAR THE MOST? ~

horror

Photo By: Jen Misch



My biggest fear is to die of suffocation because that would be the worst way to die.

freshman
nicole fernandez

Photo By: Connie Bealing



I'm afraid of heights. I just don't feel secure when I'm up there

freshman
amy roberts

Photo By: Jen Misch



I'm scared of embarrassing myself around a girl that I like.

freshman
nick graugelas

I am most afraid of failing a class.

freshman
sophy monahan



Photo By: Jen Misch



Eric Hajduk
Sheena Hale
Nicholas Hamann
Patricia Hammond
Suzanna Harman
Justin Harrison
Lindsey Harth
Adam Hasiak

Cynthia Hassett
Robert Heart
Daniel Hendon
Alexis Hernandez
Stefani Hesselstine
Donna Hickman
Jennifer Hickman
Matthew Higgins

Matthew Hinton
Gloria Hogg
Jerome Homolla III
Dawn Hood
Samantha Hoopingarner
Christopher Hopper
Joseph Hopper
Morgan Hubbard

Justin Huff
Richard Jablonski
Anthony Jacobs
Crystal Jagier
Thomas Jamerson II
Biljana Jasnica
Jason Jedlikowski
Jessica Jenkins

Erika Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Melissa Jones
Lisa Jordan
Michael Jordan
Michele Kaiser
Michael Kane Jr.
Nicholas Kanich

Xpiso Karakozis
Robert Karch
Erik Keever
Joshua Kellams
Amanda Kelley
Jackie Kellogg
Glenn King Jr.
Krystin Kirk

David Kiszkan
Frank Knez III
Zachary Knutsen
Christina Kornacki
Elizabeth Koziol
Breanna Krueger
Michelle Krueger
Jeffery Kuehl



~ WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU WOULD CHANGE ABOUT YOURSELF? ~

alteration

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I would change
my name because
I get teased about
it.

freshman
Michael Jordan

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I would change
my level of dedi-
cation and be
more dedicated in
the activities that
I'm involved in.

freshman
Stephanie Brown

I would change
my attitude to-
wards other
people.

freshman
Nicole Stevens



Photo By: Jennifer Menich

Nothing. Abso-
lutely nothing
because I love
myself.

freshman
Nyan Wang



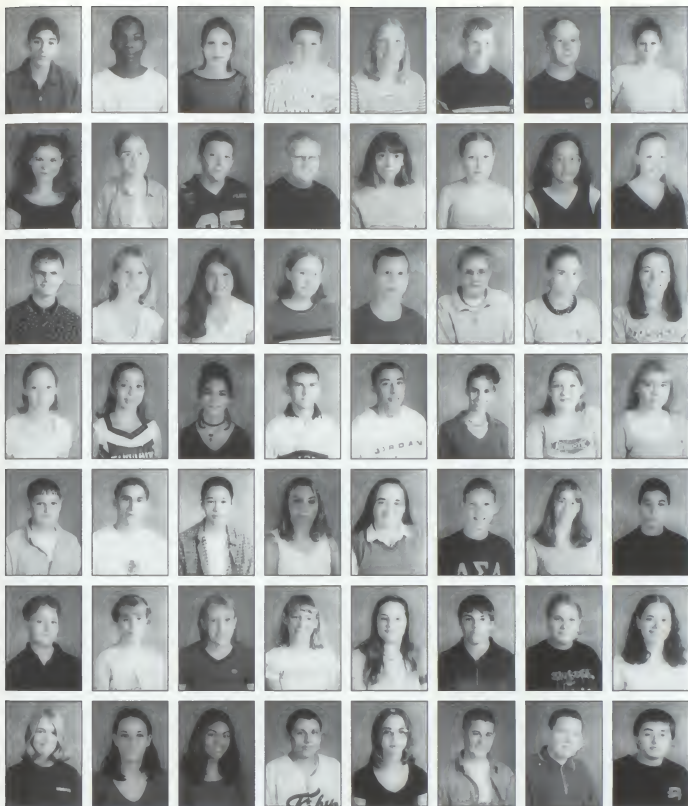
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Philip Leyba
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Jamie Lowe
Maria Lozano
Meghann Lubeck
Melissa Lucas

Jack Lundy
Steven Maddox
Jessica Maisonneuve
Andrew Maletta
Aaron Marcadis
Matthew Martinez
Jarrett McBride
Jessica McBride





Justin McBride
Leon McCall II
Shannon McClelland
Sean McGhie
Megan McGlothlen
Aaron McGuffey
Terry McGuire
Jennifer McIntyre

Tammy McKamey
Jessica McWaters
Ryan Meade
Douglas Mencliewicz
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Tonya Merry
Diana Meyers
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Tessly Mitchell
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Trisha Montgomery
Danielle Moore

Samantha Moore
Amber Morris
Michelle Morris
Seth Mowbray
Jon Moyado
Candice Mula
Carol Mullins
Stephanie Murphy

Todor Nastoski
Michael Nava Jr.
Tu Nguyen
Tisha Niloff
Heather Norris
Christopher Nunley
Melissa Olsh
Anthony Ortiz

Jefferey Ostapchuk
Diane Otto
Maureen Pall
Katie Palmateer
Tamara Paniaguas
Ryan Panozzo
Melissa Papp
Jacqueline Parsley

Laura Pawlick
Nichole Peek
Deanna Perez
Edward Perez
Amber Pickering
Thomas Potts
Vincent Privett
Daniel Pryle



Photo By: Stephanie Sheperd

School spirit was demonstrated by the freshman class as they parade down Central Avenue on their ornate homecoming float.

Raymond Przybylski
Heather Radtke
Kristinia Ragnone
George Ramirez
Jeffrey Ramirez
Eric Raslopf
Paul Reed
Douglas Reynolds



Elizabeth Richards
Alicia Richmond
Blake Riley
Carly Ristich
Amber Ritchie
Noah Ritchie
Anthony Robbins
Stephen Rodrick Jr.



Christopher Rodriguez
Kristina Rodriguez
Christopher Rogers
Julia Rogers
Rachel Romo
Victor Rubalcava
Rachel Russ
Danielle Russell



Claire Rybecki
Andrew Sabo
Amber Salas
Nicholas Salazar
Holly Sansone
Wendy Sarkkinen
Julie Schmitz
Mark Schubert



Aaron Schultz
Ryan Schultz
Cassie Schulz
Lee Schulz Jr.
Amanda Schumacher
Matthew Sedoris
Jeremy Selva
Jacqueline Shelton



Anthony Shields
Holly Simcox
Cuyler Simmons
Christopher Sisk
William Smedley II
Daniel Smeltzer
Eric A. Smith
Eric J. Smith



James Smith
Keri Smith
Sarah Smith
Toni Smith
Kyle Sonaty
Jessica Sosa
Melany Soto
Holly Specht



Lee Stamms
Elizabeth Stanish
James Stanley
Sarah Stoehr
Nathan Stokes
Morgan Stout
Jim Stump
Jeff Styers



Brittney Suleski
Justine Supp
Candace Swanson
Kyle Swanney
Alexander Szmutko
Kyle Telechan
Kenneth Tharp
Andrew Thomas



Top Ten Mistakes Freshmen Make

10) You actually write your homework assignments in your student handbook.

9) You thought sneaking over to the east building for lunch was the ultimate form of rebellion.

8) You disrespected an upper classman.

7) You think your upperclassman boyfriend likes you for your personality, when instead, he is just using you for your lunch money.

6) You thought that a bicycle was an acceptable form of high school transportation.

5) You disrespected a football playing upperclassman...ouch.

4) You go to Chuck E. Cheese with high hopes of booking up.

3) You are convinced that wearing ten pounds of makeup and one ounce of clothing makes you look attractive.

2) You disrespected a starting varsity football playing upperclassman...(R.I.P.)

1) You thought that the West building was the entire high school.



Amanda Terese Thoms
Timothy Timpe
Tai Tingsombutuyout
Bryan Tinsley
Lisa Tometzak
Rita Trevino
Nancy Turpin
Ryan Twilla

Bradford Tyskiewicz
Matthew Ulrudi
Victoria Velez
Jacob Villa
Christopher Vincent
Kevin Wall
Meghan Wallace
Caitlin Walstra

Christine Wampler
Joshua Wargo
Andrew Warren
Lynda Watson
Angela Wayne
Brian Welland
Brian Westerkamp
Gregory Westerkamp

Stefanie Wherry
Crystal White
Stefanie White
Tiffany Wiederhold
Kristine Wilkie
Danielle Wilson
Steven Wireman
Alice Wozniak

Ryan Wring
Rebecca Wyatt
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Faculty

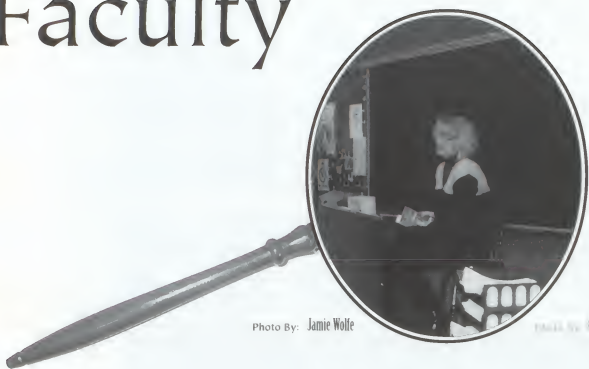


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With a long pause, Ms. Carrie Martin teaches her English class. She was also involved in the directing of the spring musical.

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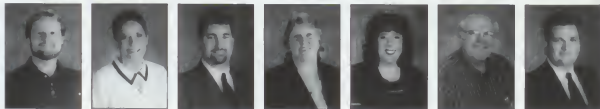
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Carrie Brown/Science



Patricia Burger/Custodian
Carrie Carlson/Music
Larry Casbon/Health
Leslee Cashmore/Science
L. Chalmers-McMillan/FACS
Cheryl Clapp/Math
Clara Clark/Math



Jason Cope/English
Sandy Corso/P.E.
Kevin Damerell/Principal
Lynette Dean/Attendance
Megan Donelli/English
James Douglas/Social Studies
James Downes/English



Elizabeth Duncan/Science
Mary Ann Eckhart/Secretary
Vicky Evans/Paraprofessional
Katie Ewoldt/FACS
Craig Fantin/Math
Christan Fields/Science
Mark Fischer/Vocational





Russ Fortini/Vocational
Sue Gallardo/Secretary
V. Garcia-Tobon/Foreign language
Julie Goetz/FACS
John Goldschmidt/Vocational
Melanie Gordon/Secretary
Lynda Grivetti/Secretary

Marvin Guernsey/Science
Jerry Hale/Principal
Ronald Hancock/Social Studies
Anthony Harper/Business
Stephen Heiser/Math
Debra Heitmann/Guidance
Sandy Herr/Secretary

Linda Hicks/Media Center
Katherine Hites/Foreign Language
Jay Hodges/Math
Lynn Huerta/Foreign Language
Scott Hufford/Science
Kathleen Hull/English
Nicholas Huntley/Math

Cathie Jacobs/English
Muhammed Javed/Technical Education
Dawn Johnson/Secretary
John Johnston/ROTC
James Jones/Custodian
John Kappes/Technical Education
Mark J. Karmel/English

Ella Karris/Paraprofessionals
Christine Kern/Business
Richard Kirchner/Principal
Les Klein/Assistant Athletic Director
Dan Kolshal/English
Gerri Kotyuk/English
Kathy Kotyuk/English

??WHAT MOMENT IN YOUR YEARS OF TEACHING WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE??

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William Bodnar/English



Photo by Elaine White

"Remember that the purpose of teaching is not to prepare for class, but prepare for life outside of class. I attended a performance of Hair at Dunes Summer Theater and realized that 2/3 of the cast had been directed by me over the last 20 years."

"When I realized that being with the kids teaching history/geography was what I really wanted to do and what I felt best doing."



Photo by Elaine White

Robert Parker/Social Studies

Christine Pruitt/Social Studies



Photo by Elaine White

"I don't have any one memory I have a lot of momentous memories from the mock trial to some field trips we have had and from each year I have been a teacher."

"Student council went to a state convention in 1989, our theme was Go Mad (Make a Difference). Our poster had people bursting through a wall, and the theme song was 'Coming to America'. That November of '89 the Berlin Wall fell."



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Ronald Hancock/Social Studies

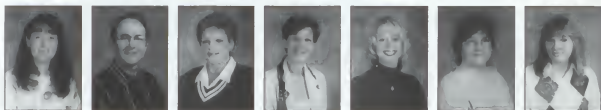
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Jane Larson/Principal
Jerry Lasky/Principal
Nancy Leander/Guidance



Linda Lemond/English
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Jane Lowenstein/art
Mary Lute-Brown/English
Sara Lux/Principal



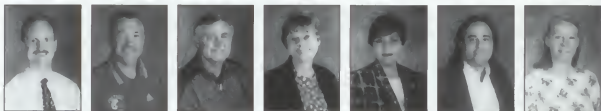
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David Masty/Foreign Language
Kay Matteson/Media Center
Robert Mattix/Science
Christopher May/Business
Jennifer May/Science
Sue McPherson/Foreign Language



Dan Merrill/Health
Terry Milner/P.E.
Thomas Milteer/P.E.
Dana Jill Milteer/Business
Agripina Monsivais /Foreign Language
Patrick Moody/English
Lisa Moser/Special Education



Marston Mundi/Math
Arlene Neill/English
Martina Norton/Business
David Ochoa/Guidance
Linda Oldenburg/Art
Robert Parker/Social Studies
Sheila Parker/Guidance



Ruth Parks/P.E.
Lori Pavell/Business
Linda Peda/Foreign Language
Audra Peterson/Vocational
Timothy Pharnik/Social Studies
Wendy Poppell/Computer Lab
Robert Prewitz/Special Education



Caren Prow/Principal
Christine Pruitt/Social Studies
Jennifer Randell/Guidance
Wendy Riggs/Music
Dorothy Rizzo/Nurse
Carolyn Rodea/Foreign Language
Sharon Rothe/FACS



Millie Ruzbasan/Social Studies
James Samuel/Athletic Director
Tom Sanidas/English
Jane Schmidt/Math
William Schott/Foreign Language
Darryl Schultz/Math
M. Slamkowski/Business





Debbie Smith/Secretary
Vanessa Sobolewski/ Math
Tim Somers/Technical Education
Joseph Sparacino/Math
Mary Sparacino/Math
Cindy Splitglerber/Secretary
Susan Squire/Foreign Language

Cynthia Stojic/Art
Madeline Summers/Guidance
Robert Symer/Music
Larry Sharp/Science
William Timmerman/Music
Charles Tomes/Math
Gail Trobaugh/Special Education

Pete Turpa/Social Studies
Renee Turpa/Special Education
Salena VanClee/Carrer Planner
Marissela Villanueva/Foreign Language
Donna White/Math
Paula Wiese/Art
William Wilke/P.E.

Janice Wilson/Vocational
Virginia Wilt/Secretary
Yan Wolfman/Science
Chris Woods/Athletic Trainers
Donna Yaksic/Science
Dawn Yovanovich/Secretary



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Often throughout fourth block in Mr. Mark J. Karmel's office, Mr. James Downes visited with the yearbook staff. He gained more of an appreciation for the work done by the publications department.

Unlike in the office secretary Ms. Virginia Wilt searches for paper work. Secretaries have their hands full with the paper work that comes with the job.

"When I was a freshman and Megan Donelli was a sophomore, we got to be the backup dancers to Dusty and his VP crew during Air Band '89. He was lip-syncing to "Kokomo" by The Beach Boys and dancing around in a Hawaiian shirt and sunglasses. She and I got to sway from side to side in the background. The audience (mostly full of students) went nuts! It was very cool. Mr. Rhode was the kind of guy who didn't mind showing the students he knew how to have fun. He was all about living life to the fullest!"

-Miss Martin

"Our fondest memories of Dusty center on Spring Break trips to Destin, Florida. Many years the trip South would begin around 11 pm after the crowning of the state basketball champion. The three-car caravan (Fisher's, Samuel's, and Rhode's) headed South equipped with two-way radios. The radios allowed nonstop conversation about everything from basketball to politics. On these trips Dusty always made sure our sons were included in all activities. Dusty made them feel important and wanted. I can remember a specific evening when he and our son Doug organized a group game of Trivial Pursuit. You see this was Doug's favorite game and Dusty made sure everyone participated. In fact for one game it was Dusty and the 'kids' against the rest of the adults. We also remember Dusty, with a gleam in his eye, telling our son Steve he needed to take him over to the beach and teach him about 'things'. Thanks Dusty."

-Mr. and Mrs. Jim Samuel

our memories

One last lesson

For most of my life I attempted to educate myself and the world I lived in. At times I succeeded on both counts, but more often than not, truth eluded us all.

Some of those whose lives I touched returned to educate me and the world I lived in, but others left only their memory in the crowded hallways of my heart.

At the end, life became my teacher: helping me to accept these truths inherent in any education:

Education is about learning, and not repeating your mistakes. So, now that I am gone, gratefully accept the knowledge I left behind. Learn to do the things I taught you better than I did, and happily build upon my successes.

Education is patience-understanding that we don't always "get it" right away. So now that I am gone, so not be upset that you still don't know WHY.

Be patient, knowing that God gave me the answer when I "graduated" so that when we meet again, I'll still have a thing or two left to teach you.

-Charlie Wierzbicki

"Dusty always ended reading the daily announcements with, and have a nice day, because, remember, you deserve it!"

-Mrs. Herr

"Thanks to Dusty, my daughter, Melissa Tomak, received an Academic Scholarship at Indiana University Northwest. Through some mix-up the university didn't have all of her high school records. When we went to him the summer of her second year of college, he wrote the kindest letter stating all of her achievements and other things and highly recommended that he felt she should receive a scholarship which I'm happy to say the University granted."

-Mrs. Tomak

"Mr. Rhode was the kind of person who always made you feel special. He was always sincerely interested in other people's lives and what was happening to them. Some ways to describe him included the following: supportive, loyal, dedicated, persistent, analytical, genuine, kind, caring. Dusty was one of a kind. His legacy is everywhere you look at Portage High School."

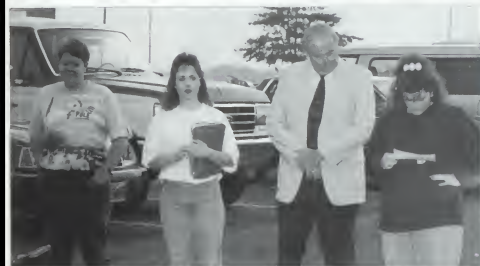
-Mr. Hancock

"He was a good friend of the family. As an educator, he was influential to us all. He was a person of great character and he had a wonderful sense of family (and a wonderful sense of humor too!) I feel that everyone who was touched by his life, learned something valuable."

-Mrs. Nadolski

"I was in Mr. Wolfman's Physics class the year Dusty debuted the announcements on Channel One. He didn't know the camera was already running when he said, "Wouldn't it be funny if I flipped off the whole school?" and then to do so. It was hilarious. Again, as inappropriate as it was, it was cool to see that he had a "human" side to him and that he liked to cut loose every once in awhile. Later in the day, he apologized via the PA. But I could never imagine something like that happening today. The students thought he was much "hipper" after that."

-Miss Martin



"I would like to say that Dusty had a major impact on my two older children. My daughter graduated in 1968 and went into Math education, when she was almost finished with her degree she thought of becoming an Actuary but instead chose to teach high school because of the high regard she had for Dusty. She says, 'He was a wonderful mentor.' She is very grateful for what she learned from him. As a parent I can only say thank God for educators like Dusty Rhode. He really did make a difference. I also am very proud to say that I know him and had the opportunity to work with him. He was a wonderful person, who really gave of himself to make a difference."

-Mrs. Jan Wilson



"Without going into too many particulars: Dusty once related the inside story to an episode which demonstrated how he wouldn't bat an eye in standing up for what he believed was right. He had made a decision which resulted in a patent/attorney meeting with him 'one last time before they were to serve him with an injunction whereby Dusty would go to jail for being in contempt of court if he did not overturn his original decision. When the attorney finally said what is your decision, Dusty looked him in the eye and very seriously and sincerely asked, 'Will you come visit me in jail?' Probably realizing that it would be a 'cold day in (you know where)' before this principal reversed his position, the parent/attorney simply dropped the entire matter there and then."

-Mr. David Mastly

watch the



clock

It has now been two years since the student body has engaged in *block scheduling*. Most students agree that it seems like *too much time* for one class. The minutes tick by ever so slowly. On the other hand however, even with *longer hours* some students still *do not* have enough time in the day to finish all the *academics, sports, or any other afterschool activities* that they may be involved in. In other words, students constantly *watch the clock*.



Members of Chamber Orchestra

Who: President: Toni Smith
Student Director: Alison Zuidervliet
Treasurer: Laura Pawuck
Zeta Technician: Mark Prezekwas

What: Concerts: Chamber
Orchestra, Holiday Concert,
Solo & Ensemble Contest, Pre-
contest Concert, Festival

"My favorite part of
Chamber orchestra is
when we practice
really hard and then
do well at a
concert." Freshman
Toni Smith.



Photograph by: *matthe quide*

Students in chamber
orchestra wait for
their turn to play.
Chamber Orchestra
performed in many
concerts throughout
the year.

attentively, the
members of chamber
orchestra practice
their music. To play
an instrument takes
much practice and
effort.



Photograph by: *Connie Behling*

celebrating goals

"I like the people that are in it."
Sophomore:
Elizabeth
Caldwell

"I think orchestra is cool, because we are able to express ourselves through music and not anger."
Freshman: Tom Jamieson

"My favorite part is the types of music we play. We get to play pop and other types."
Freshman: Alison Zuidervliet

"I like the group work. Cellos rock!"
Sophomore: David Schuck



Photograph by: *metairie youth*



Photograph by: *metairie youth*

Freshman Bill Simkin concentrates on his music. To play an instrument in orchestra opens a person up for many musical opportunities.

Members of chamber orchestra practice for the big performance at solo and ensemble. They also played in a holiday concert and a festival.

The symphonic orchestra plays, as Ms. Carlson conducts them. They played at many concerts during the year.

Students practice their instruments, in symphonic orchestra. The students play many different musical pieces.



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considering goals

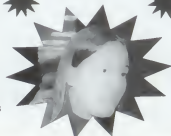


"I like orchestra because music is a good way to express myself."
Senior: Tressa Sabo



"Sherlock Holmes playing the violin relaxes me, and I enjoy it."
Senior: Jamie Kallimani

"The hardest part of orchestra is playing the music Mrs. Carlson picks to her expectations."
Sophomore: Elizabeth Collins



"The most rewarding aspect of orchestra is being able to hear the piece come together."
Senior: Eileen Craighead



at a practice, the students of symphonic orchestra wait to play their music. There are different types of instruments played.





Photograph by: Constance Beikie

As they play their instruments, the students attentively listen to each other. That is key to have a good concert.

In class, the students of symphonic orchestra read their music. Playing together is significant team work.



Photograph by: Jennifer Mesick

Members of Symphonic Orchestra

Photograph by: Jennifer Mesick

Symphonic orchestra has accomplished a lot throughout the year. They performed in many concerts, such as Mid-term graduation, adult graduation, and more.



Who: Adviser: Mrs. Carlson
President: Matt Hutchins
Vice President: Adam Higgins
Secretary: Breanna Beike
Treasurer: Tammy Chadwick

What: fall fundraiser, play concerts
When: Christmas Concert, Mid-term
Graduation, Festival, Solo and
Ensemble, Adult Graduation,
Recruitment concert



Who: Adviser: Mrs. Carlson
 Student Director: Melissa Deavers
 President: William Rippel IV
 Vice President: Erin Rooney
 Treasurer: Bryan Standerski
 Librarian: Ashley Cunningham
 Zeta Tech: Jay Beckham Jr.

What: Concert Orchestra consists of 48 members. The orchestra held a Christmas concert, pre-concert concert, and festival. Members participated in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble and the music department fundraiser.

Front Row: Nicholas Kanich, Lisa Tomeczak, Jeremy Richmond, Jennifer Dennison, Jay Beckham Jr., Erin Rooney, Bonnie Kuss, Alex Mulvihill. **Second Row:** Lia Palmer, Matthew Hinton, Mandy Nelson, Tu Nguyen, Jesse Shelby, Dorothy Cantu, Holli Owen, Jessica Pomaes, Stefanie Reese, Barbara Stalon, Meghann Lubeck, Bryan Standerski. **Third Row:** Heather Nelson, Sara Mak, Jennifer Jern, Irene Trapper, Elizabeth Cooper, Stefan Hutchins, Ashley Cunningham, Jena Cooros, Carly Lenson, Brandon Rainwater, Amber Shewmaker, Crystal Cavanaugh, Christopher Durkin, Heather Vondrasek, David Trafney. **Fourth Row:** Carrie Barnum, Melissa Deavers, Crystal Jagier, Kimberly Bailey, Jarrett McBride, Elizabeth Monnier, Valerie Smeltzer, Bernadette Walsh, Christopher Casson, Rebecca Upchurch, Daniel Smeltzer, Charlie Mathewson, Jason Pomaes, Ryan Shaw, Andrew Zeha, Amanda Jo Hagan, Michelle Renee Carns. **Back Row:** Marie Boller, Lindsey Gibson, Francisco Cornejo, Glenn Cliver, Corrine Miller, Aslenn Tibbels, Michael Lukacovic, Matthew Konopasek, Ryan Henry, Angela Roberts, Scott Wolozanski, Ashley Coombs, Christopher Daniel, Brian Westerkamp, Erin Fitzgerald, Gerald Fritz, Mrs. Carlson, Michael Grochowski, William Rippel IV, Rebecca Bradford, Lynda Watson.



to play his best, freshman Daniel Smeltzer practices his part. This was Daniel's first year in concert orchestra.

to prepare for a performance, junior Corrine Miller and freshman Lynda Watson practice their piece. Many hours of practice are behind each strong performance.



coinciding goals

"I wanted to be in orchestra so I could meet new people and learn more about music."

Freshman:
Lindsey Gibson

"My favorite part of orchestra was solo and ensemble because we got to work in groups."

Junior
William Rippel IV

"The best part of orchestra is when we come together as a unit."

Freshman:
Nicholas Kanich

"I really like when we play challenging music."

Freshman:
Ashley Cunningham

a group of students practice conducting to the beat of the music. This year concert orchestra had 48 members.



before a concert sophomore David Trafney practices his part. David has participated in concert orchestra for two years.



a trio of students play their ensemble. Concert orchestra held three concerts and participated in ISSMA solo and ensemble this year.



Front Row: Amanda Little, Nicole O'Connor, Michelle Coates, Kristina Edelen, Sally Hansen, Tiffany Lee, Stephanie Olson. **Second Row:** Lucille Concepcion, Julia Rogers, Cynthia Caudill, Robert Deleon, Dennis Foster, Stefanie Wherry, April Webb. **Third Row:** Kelly Snow, Amanda Kelley, Deanna Bateman, John Hrisolos, Patrick Rzepka, Erik Garcia, Amanda Schumacher, Jessica Hutchings. **Fourth Row:** Anna Ogden, Lindsey Fishero, Holly Sansone, Melaine Benz, Sarah Brown, Holly Martin, Melissa Fontanez. **Back Row:** Melany Soto, Heather Norris, Gloria Hogg, Adam Clough, Jason Michael Bristow, Jessie Lembecke, Sunshine Thomas, Olivia Morales, Victoria Velez.

Who: Adviser: Mrs. Riggs
What: Concert Choir is an advanced beginning choir that expand upon previous vocal experience. The choir studies several genre of music including pop, vocal jazz, traditional sacred, contemporary sacred, spirituals, and classical compositions.

When: Fall concert- October 19, 1999; Christmas Concert- December 14, 1999; Sacred Concert- February- 15, 2000; Pre-Festival Concert- March 21, 2000; Festival- May 17, 2000; ISSMA Solo/Ensemble District Contest- January 29, 2000; ISSMA Solo/Ensemble State Contest- February 19, 2000

The concert choir is an advanced beginning choir which studies several genres. A weekly quote is given to the students to help them further appreciate music.



Photograph by: Stephanie Lofland

The soprano section of the concert choir practices for the final concert of the year.

Festival, the final concert, was held on May 17, 2000.

During class, freshman Julia Rogers sings her part. Members of the concert choir may participate in the class for two or four terms.



Photograph by: Stephanie Lofland



In order to prepare for a concert, sophomore Patrick Rzepka, senior Robert Deleon, and sophomore Dennis Foster sing with the group. The concert choir held five concerts this year.

To keep the students on beat, Mrs. Riggs directs the choir. Students in concert choir were given a weekly quote to help them further understand music.



Before a performance, sophomore Holly Martin and junior Sara Crowley match their parts with the rest of the choir. The choir studied pop, jazz, sacred, spirituals, and classical songs.

Photograph by: Stephanie Laford



coinciding goals

"It gave me a chance to mature my voice."
Freshman:
Lindsey Fishero

"You can express yourself through music."
Sophomore:
Amanda Litke

"Everyone in concert choir gets along really well. It was a really good group this year."
Junior:
Erin Wendt

"It's a good beginning choir. You learn right from the beginning."
Senior:
Jessie Lembcke

Musical

*Symphonix orchestra, symphonix band, jazz band
band. . . just a few of the many band/orchestra*

*"Symphonic Band has been
a great learning
experience."
-Senior Kelly Kirk*

*"This has shown
me that music can
be fun."
-Senior Dennis Cimbavich*

*at the Outstanding
Young Man
competition, senior
Diane Zenci plays for
the audience.*

*The marching band
proudly plays in front
of the school at one
of the football games.*



All Photos taken by Kelly Gibson

concert band, marching band, pep band, lab
organizations this school has to offer.

Memories

his girl really knows
how to play a tune,
part of the orchestra
flute section.



Class is a time to have
fun, as junior
Elizabeth Enrico
shows us.

showing off his moves
(and his cymbals) to
some of his friends,
friendship and
cooperation in the
classroom is key.



Page Designed by Stacie Culp

Choir

Symphonic choir, choraliers, girls glee, and concert choir at portage high school. it gives people a chance to express with their friends.

*"It is a lot of
fun and work"*
-Senior Karin Lyshoj

*"It is a
fantastic
experience."*
-Senior Valerie Borg

*"Symphonic Choir was
a great experience."*
-Senior Amy Barwig

*"Choraliers is a great
group of students
with a lot of
potential."*
-Mrs. Riggs



Four choraliens members, including junior Sara Crowley practice a song for their performance.

Two girls practice their song during choir class. As the old saying goes, "Practice makes perfect."



are some of the musical options you will find offered
themselves through singing, and have a great time

Memories



Mrs. Riggs, the choir director, instructs some choral members on their performance.



At a choral practice, the girls pretend to cry for part of their routine.



admission Mr. Robert Symer

stuff show dad The Spring Swing concert is a much anticipated event for the Music Department and combines both of the school's Jazz bands and gives the students a opportunity to play with local and national professional musicians.

spring swing

Teacher Robert Symer names and describes the song the band is about to play. Spring Swing gives the students of Jazz Band 1 and 2 the opportunity to really show their musical abilities.



Photo By: Mark J. Karmel

a member of the horns section while in the spotlight, Jason McKinney performs at his best. Jason was considered one of the top student guitar players in the state.



Photo By: Mark J. Karmel



While shaking Robert Symer's hand, senior Kenneth Cheney accepts the award for outstanding Jazz Band member. Cheney was pleased, but mostly surprised at receiving the award at the performance.

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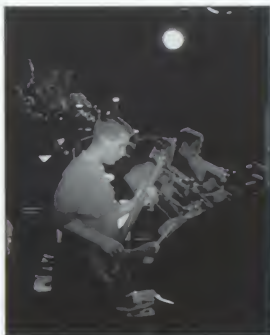


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Not only is good music a part of the expectations for the evening, but the Commons is transformed from a cafeteria to a jazz club.



With the rest of the band as a back-up, the saxophonist steps up and takes a solo.

Photo By: Mark J. Karmel

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Fun day '99

Publications

it was a tale of 28 high school students and four chaperones...

Front Row: Christopher Messer, Jamie Wolfe, Tiffany Castagna, Daniel Daily **Second Row:** Elizabeth Batista, Mrs. Carrie Hatfield, Stephanie Hernandez, Stacie Culp, Amanda Walworth, Nikki Robinson, Megan McLeod, Tristan Mathews **Third Row:** Katherine Garris, Jody McKinney, Briana Braun, Mrs. Lisa Keen, Hunter McKee, Connie Behling, Stephanie Lofland **Fourth Row:** Mr. Mark J. Karmel, Mr. Jimmy Downes, Christopher Mihal, David Gilbert, Anthony Holeman, Stephanie Shepherd, Angela Magana, Christopher Stidham **Back Row:** Justeen Schultz, Rusti Schnelle



...and we took some crazy pictures along the way



we took pictures of random mirrors for some reason. and when we had free time. we hung out with each other...

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HOLLYWOOD



lets not even
get into the
pool situation
some people.
like messer.
even went in
fully clothed!
late nights in
the pool
included many
chicken fights
including a
loss for team
karmel/downer

when we were not at
the convention. we went
site seeing we went
through all of los
angeles. hollywood.
anahern. long beach and
even saw the sign
leading to compton



...and after all of the sites and beautiful weather,
we had to come back to portage, indiana.





Front Row: Valerie Borg, Tiffany Castagna, Brandy Hart, Ryan Garcia, Tiffany Sherwood. **Second Row:** Katherine McMurry, Amber Edmonds, Heidi Durkin, Tabitha Lee, Kathleen Appelman, Patricia Volk. **Third Row:** Alisha Roman, Katie Lerch, Kristina Dehnart, Lisa Chapman, Triana Hasselgren, Amber Shewmaker. **Fourth Row:** Tiffany Rigoni, Jocelyn Crisp, Kirsten Crouch, Heather Ratke, Stephanie Denny, Cindy Howard.

Who: Girls Glee
Adviser: Mrs. Riggs

What: what they do: Girl's Glee is an intermediate musical group of girls selected through audition. The class consists of girls who perform SS/SSAA music. They participate in all Choir concerts (Fall, Christmas, Sacred, Pre-Contest, and Festival).

Girl's Glee is an exclusive girl's choir who participate in many competitions as well as the Fall, Christmas, and Spring festivals and concerts.

*P*ictured here is Amber Sherwood, practicing along with the rest of the class.



Photograph by: Stephanie Riggs





Photograph by: Stephanie Lofland

*i*n class, Triana Hasselgren and Tiffany Sherwood practice their singing.

*w*orking together as a team, the class practices a song together. It takes every member of a choir to sound good.



Photograph by: Stephanie Lofland

Laughter can always
lighten up the mood.
Senior Robert DeLeon
and sophomore
Rachel Vallejo have
fun while dancing
together at practice.



coinciding goals



"It provides an opportunity to perform in a variety of settings."
Junior:
Sarah Crowley

"The group always gets along well with each other and is a very good group of friends."
Freshman
Rob Henke

"Choraliers has been a very good experience in performing with vocals and dance at the same time."
Senior:
Robert DeLeon



"Choraliers is an excellent way to meet people."
Junior:
Brian Sarnowski



Front Row: Tiffany Sherwood, Erin Wendt, Katie Tralthen, Rachel Vallejo **Second Row:** Karin Lashoj, Kayla Rawdon, Sara Crowley, Amy Barwig, Emily Henke, **Third Row:** Robert DeLeon, Curt Shaffer, Rob Henke, Brian Sarnowski, John Hrifosos

Who: Choraliers
Choraliers Performances: Fall Concert- Oct 19
December 4- Wiseway in Valparaiso
December 7- Ogden Dune's Prime Timers
December 9- PHS Secret Pal
December 10- Rotary Club
December 12- Meijer Store in Merrillville

Christmas Concert- December 14
Mid-term Graduation- January 21
Sacred Concert- February 15
Show Choir Concert- March 4
Lenten Service- March 19
Contest Concert- March 21

Choraliers are like
many of the
other groups in the
school. They are
a very good group
of friends. They
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group of friends.

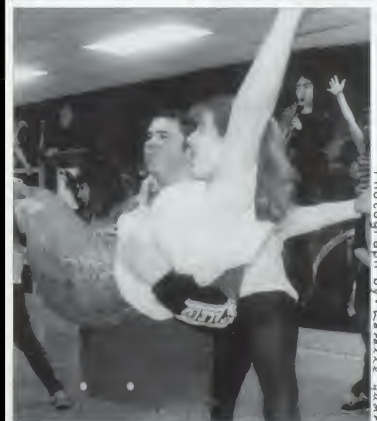


Practice makes perfect. Singing and dancing at the same time takes a lot of practice, as Juniors Sara Crowley and Katie Trathen demonstrate here.

Photograph by: *Kathleen Ward*



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The members of choralliers practice for a performance. Junior Brian Sarnowski lifts up Junior Erin Wendt during a dance.

In the front of the building, Jessie Lembcke, Brian Sarnowski, Rob Henke, and junior Curt Shaffer practice their songs.

at a football game, junior Stephen Fejes plays a tuba. The marching band participated in several competitions as well as performing at football games.



The flute section marches in time with the other sections. The marching band competed at the Bands of America Grand National Championship in the RCA Dome.



auxiliary performer, sophomore Leah Selby, twirls a flag. The marching band consisted of 90 members this year.



coinciding goals

"I like it because it allows me to make new friends, it is challenging, and it allowed me to be in a leadership position."

Junior:
Carrie Coleman

"Marching band is a good learning experience. It teaches you discipline."

Junior:
Stephen Fejes

"It's really fun when you're at competition and the energy level is so high - it's really intense."

Sophomore:
Bryan Krieg

"My most memorable moment was the first time I stepped onto the RCA field because the vast stadium was breathtaking."

Junior:
Katherine Oslizlo

In the homecoming parade, senior Joseph Voyer III plays the drum to add beat to the music. The music for the marching band's competitive show was "From a Dark Millennium" by Joseph Schwatner.



Front Row: Katherine Oslizlo, Jessica Pomaes, Gloria Hogg, Alicia Macmillan, Kayla Bawdon, Shaina Fink, Heather Radtke, Jennifer Abbott, Shannon Sandlin, Brandon Rainwater, Carrie Coleman, Shamiah Corroll, Kimberly Reese, Leah Selby, Jocelyn Crisp, Kristina Manning, Linda Watson, Tiffany Rigoni, John Hrisolos, Melanie Benz, Heidi Durkin, Michelle Mcnamara. **Second Row:** Barbara Staton, Elizabeth Creech, Patricia Hammond, Kelly Kirk, Chad Copeland, Joseph Voyer III, Michael Lukacovic, Jennifer Risner, Kylee Parobek, Kari Brown. **Third Row:** Frank Good, Elizabeth Chapman, Nathan Rubakava, Jennifer Hallman, Timothy Cuttill, Christopher Durkin, Nathan Stokes, Anthony Kozik, Nicole Abbott, Crystal Cavanaugh, Deborah Roberts, Michelle Green, Karen Darnell, Michael Jurgensen, Tracy Zaganas, Michelle Blank, Meredith Brefflelog, Stefanie Reese, Jaime Nolan, Jaclyn Chagoya, Sara Dieringer. **Back Row:** Darrell Dominic, Kristine Wilkie, Erik Arvidson, Brian Weiland, Tammy Chadwick, Bryan Scheub, Leon McCall II, Kenneth Cheney, Kevin Nush, Stephen Fejes, Gerald Fritz, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Bryan Krieg, Neil Sly, Ethan Hitchcock, Rebecca Upchurch, Christina Sanchez, Carly Lenson, Kelly Fulkerson, Elizabeth Sinkin.

Who: 90 members
Director: Troy Webdell

Assistant Director: William Timmerman
Assistant Director/Auxiliary Director:

Valerie Hubbard

Percussion Instructor: Jerry Steinhilber

Assistant Percussion Instructor: Joe Steeb

Drill Design: Ryan Miller
Assistant Auxiliary Instructor: Cathy

Zielinski, Jennie Zielinski

Drum Majors: Brandon Rainwater,
Carrie Coleman

What: The marching band competed at the Bands of America Regionals, the

Indiana Tournament of Bands, and the Bands of America Grand National Championship.

The marching band competed in Louisville, Kentucky; Toledo, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; Indianapolis, and Chesterton, Indiana.

considering goals



"Pep band was fun and exciting. I really enjoy playing and being a part of the band."
Junior: Daniel Santana

"Pep band gave a lot of us a chance to use our musical abilities for fun and it gave us the chance to be with good friends."
Senior: John Hrisofos



"Pep band was fun and the work that we put into it was worth it."
Sophomore: Joleen Wiatrowski



"PIPP was a good musical experience. It was fun to be in."
Sophomore: Sara Dieringer



Photograph by: root Studios

Members of Pep band play the flute at a practice before the boy's junior varsity game. The students had fun playing in the pep band.



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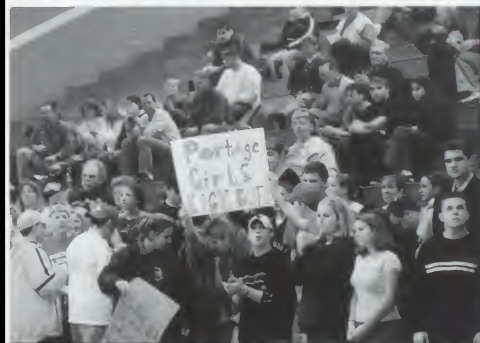
Photograph by: Scott Stuckert

For the boy's varsity basketball game, Mike Lukacovic, plays the drums. To play the drums, you need good hand-eye coordination.

at a basketball game, Mr. Webdell conducts the members of the Pep Band. Pep band performed at many basketball games.



Photograph by: Scott Stuckert



Students of Portage High School go to support their school by cheering on the athletes during games.

Pep Band has a job that does just that. The members of Pep Band help with school spirit by playing during the half times of basketball games. If it wasn't for them, the gym would not sound so cheerful. So people should appreciate the Pep Band's efforts and hard work that was put in to entertaining us.

Who: Advisor: Mr. Webdell

What and When: played concerts at basketball games during half times and times outs.

Many of the members that were in Pep Band would agree that even though enduring tough practices through out the year, the end result was well-worth the wait.

coinciding goals



"The huge amount of civic services we did in the community, brought us appreciation with in the community."

Senior: Michael Hunnicutt



"JRJFC is a fun class, but on the overall, you learn a lot about military history, first aid, and government."

Junior: Toni Bordelon

"I think that JRJFC is a great program and some of the best memories I have were at JRJFC activities that I participated in."

Senior: Amanda Jamieson



"Our work in community service allows us to get a feeling of how helping people makes you feel good."

Senior: James Rutledge



Photograph by: root studios

at a basketball game, the JROTC stands at attention. The JROTC performed at the half times of some of the basketball games.

at halftime, with the look of pride and determination, Junior Junanne Price twirls a flag. This takes skill and practice to master



Photograph by: root studios



Photograph by: JROTC students

In the gym, members of JROTC stand in a line and turn their rifles. Motivation and friendship are important in JROTC.

Members of JROTC march towards their position. Comraderie and determination are key to being successful in JROTC.



Photograph by: JROTC students



The many proud members of the JROTC unit.

Who: Commanding officer: James Rutledge
Exec. Officer: Mike Wade
Oper. Officer: Mike Hunnicutt
Adjutant: Paul Moore
Sgt. Major: George Johnston

What: a military recruiting tool, teach to have good discipline, teach to be leaders, marksmanship shooting, two meets at Purdue and Desmoines, drills, exhibition teams

JROTC is about camaraderie, friendship, determination, and furthermore, JROTC is about appreciation with in the community.

To beat his opponent, senior Dennis Cimbaljevich practices answering questions. Questions during competition consist of trivia questions.



Photograph by: Stephanie Lofland

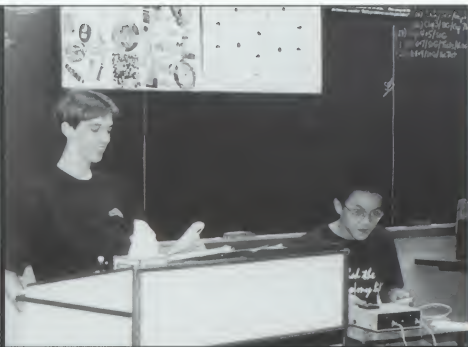


Who: Adviser: Mrs. Jill Mangold
What: Super Bowl team members compete in different subjects as teams of three. The subject areas include science, English and literature, fine arts, math, and social studies.

First Row: Danijela Garibara, Danielle Ciesielski, Christopher Kanich **Second Row:** Stephanie Lofland, Amanda McKenzie, Christine Paunicka, Ryan Shaw. **Third Row:** Casey Gutierrez, Rusti Schnelle.

Super Bowl team members compete as teams of three in subjects including science, English and literature, fine arts, math, and social studies.

Before the competing school arrives, senior Alexander Lo and junior Christopher Kanich read practice questions for the team. Each quiz bowl match consists of four rounds.



Quiz bowl teams compete against each other in four round matches. The season ends with an area tournament based on current win-loss standings.

Who: Adviser: Mrs. Jill Mangold

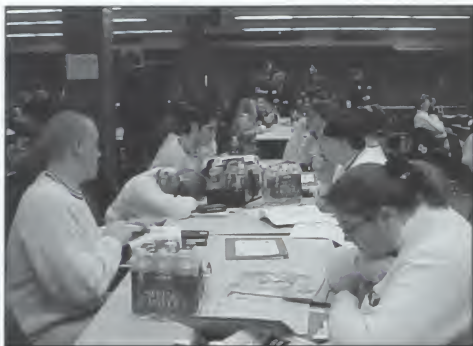
What: Quiz bowl team members compete in a Jeopardy-like game in teams of four. Schools compete against each other in four round matches. The season ends with an area tournament.



Photograph by: Stephanie Lafand

With a smile, Senior Danijela Gazibara answers a question. Gazibara has been a member of the academic teams for four years.

During a match, junior Casey Gutierrez prepares to buzz in with the answer. Casey was a member of the B team this year.



The decathlon team studies while awaiting the next competition. Team members must compete individually, and then scores are added to create a team score.

Who: Adviser: Mrs. Jill Mangold

How many: 9

What: Decathlon members compete in ten subjects including essay, interview, speech, English and literature, social studies, science, math, art, music, and economics.

Members compete in ten areas including essay, interview, speech, English and literature, social studies, science, math, art, music, and economics.



To do her best, senior Danijela Gazibara quickly reviews the information about music. The team had to study the lives of musicians, their compositions, and music theory.

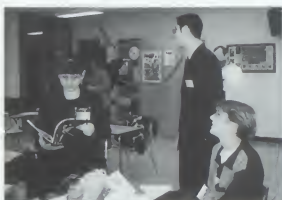
Before competition, junior Christopher Kanich practices his speech. Each team member was required to give a four minute prepared speech and a one minute impromptu speech.





to help the team, senior Paul Moore quickly glances over the information. The team competed in three competitions.

between competitions, team members review the material. Each member competes in ten subjects.



after the first day of the state competition, team members relax by swimming in the hot tub. The decathlon team placed ninth in the state this year.

Front Row: Christopher Bush, Sylvianna Baccarelli, Ashley Davich *Back Row:* Stephanie Lofland, Christine Paunicka, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Christopher Kanich, Carrie Javorka, Danielle Ciesielski, Ryan Shaw



The spell bowl team consists of ten members who each spell ten words. The team competes at the Duneland invite and the area competitions.

Who: Adviser: Mrs. Jill Mangold
What: Ten members spell ten words each at the Duneland invite and the area competition.



advisor Mrs. Jill Mangold
presider Christopher Kanich
vice presider Danijela
Gazibara

members of the staff who did Knowledge Bowl has open competitions. They have one competition in the fall and one in the spring. The questions they are asked pertaining to subjects such as literature, music, geography, and history.

knowledge bowl

front row Dennis Cimbalavich, Christine Paunika, Danijela Gazibara, Christopher Kanich.



Photo By: Connie Behling

Points are awarded by the quickness of the response. The quicker the response, the more points received. They have a competition twice a year: once in the fall, and one in the spring.





Photo By: Connie Behling

This academic team competes worldwide over the internet. After senior Danijela Gazibara reads the question, she realizes she must be quick.

Knowledge Bowl is the only club that competes worldwide. They compete with students from countries such as Germany and Korea.



Photo By: Connie Behling



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As they concentrate on the board, seniors Dennis Cimbalavich and Christine Paunica think of the answer to the next question. Knowledge Bowl team is also asked question relating to the topics of math, art, science and current issues in society.

Attention is drawn to the projector as junior Christopher Kanich presents a question. Christopher Kanich is ranked within the top 50 of his class.

The majority of the time spent when on the Pow Wow staff is in front of the computer. Staffers become quite familiar with Adobe Pagemaker and Photoshop.

Volunteers from Quill and Scroll contributed to Christmas in April. Senior Rusti Schnelle concentrates on applying an even application of paint to the dilapidated siding of the "Green House" project.



Photograph by: Stephanie Shepherd



Front Row: Daniel Shattuck, Amanda Walworth, Stephanie Hernandez, Nicole Robinson, Nicole Manna, Katherine Garris, Steven Spiller, Tiffany Castagna
Second Row: David A. Gilbert, Anthony Holeman, Anthony Line, Christopher Stidham, Jody McKinney, Briana Braun, Rachel Scroggins, Angela Lazar, Megan McCleod, Robbie Haner, Christine Keaton
Back Row: Mr. Mark J. Karmel, David Gilbert, Vincent Hernandez, Hunter McKee, Jonathan Thomas, Christopher Mihal, Frederick Goss, Emily Henke, Rusti Schnelle, Timothy Bailey

Who: Portage Pow Wow newspaper staff
Adviser: Mr. Mark J. Karmel
Co Editors-In-Chief: Megan McCleod and Christopher Mihal
What: Creates our high school newspaper
When: The Pow Wow is distributed every other week
Where: Attended a NSPA/JEA Conference in Anaheim.
Why: "Writing is a really fun thing to do. Designing the paper and seeing it published is a really good feeling," said junior Christopher Stidham.

The Pow Wow staff's dedication is tested on a regular basis when deadline day arrives every two weeks. All the stress they endured is repaid when they see the finished product.

overriding goals

"Never before have I been part of a more diverse group of people who have been so awesome to work with."

Senior Tiffany Castagna

"Through my three years, I have gained leadership skills and more responsibility. I wouldn't trade the experience for anything."

Senior Christopher Mihai

"Being in Pow Wow has given me

a chance to express myself and I got to meet a whole bunch of cool people (like Tiffany)."

Senior Rusti Schnelle

"We've gone through many changes- some for the better, most for the worst. Overall, we've 'grown' as a staff."

Junior: David Gilbert



Photograph by: Stefana Shepherd

Comic strips found in the editorial section of the Pow Wow add a sense of humor to many serious events. The comic relief created by senior Art Editor Vincent Hernandez is vital in order to maintain the well-roundedness of the newspaper.



Photograph by: Christopher Mihai



Photograph by: Stefana Shepherd

As deadline time approaches, frustration is high. Senior photographer Christina Price feels the stress when her pictures are due.

Laughter erupts as story ideas for the next edition of the newspaper are discussed by senior Christopher Mihai.



Front Row: Tiffany Ramirez, Christina Vega, Elizabeth Batista, Jamie Wolfe, Angela Magana, Jennifer Vargas, Jessica Jones. **Second Row:** Mark J. Karmel, Connie Behling, Jennifer Mesich, Tabitha Hogue, Lisette Fontanez, Ruth Hall, Stephanie Lotland, Nicole Ring, Stacie Culp, Eric Newbald, Marcus Rainwater. **Back Row:** Christopher Mihal, Christopher Messer, Karla Villacin, Kelly Gibson, Christina Parks, Sarah Geary, Stephanie Shepherd, Natalie Tudd, Jazmine Wilkins, Jolena Zervos, Daniel Daily.

Adviser: Mr. Mark J. Karmel
Editors: Elizabeth Batista and Jamie Wolfe
What: The staff on Legend does merely more than put together a yearbook; the whole staff has to know how to work Adobe, learn the art of Journalism, and learn how to work together as a team.

When: Yearbook is a class that can last from 2 terms to all year.
Where: The yearbook spreads are completed in the yearbook room.
The spreads then are shipped to our plant in Kansas.

"Yearbook taught me to work with a deadline and a group of people who have the same goal, which is to complete the yearbook." Senior Jolena Zervos

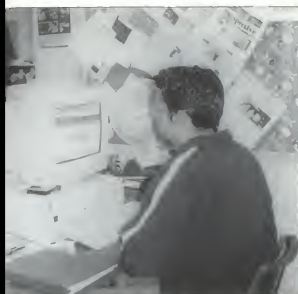


Photograph by: Connie Behling

As junior Angela Magana crops photos, she concentrates on getting the alignment just right. Cropping photos is a skill everyone in the class has to learn. Photographers have to do more than simply take pictures and develop film. Almost everyone has to learn how to design a spread, as senior Christopher Messer demonstrates.



Photograph by: Kelly Gibson



In Legend, designing
 is one of the many
 important parts.
 Senior Christopher
 Mihal is in Legend
 and he is the editor of
 Pow Wow.

In California junior
 Angela Magana and
 senior Elizabeth
 Batista pose for a
 picture. Legend went
 on many trips to
 enhance their skills.



Photograph by: Stacie Culp



Photograph by: Connie Bell

concluding goals



"I joined
 yearbook
 because last
 year was so
 much fun and
 we're all so
 close."
 Junior: Tiffany
 Ramirez



"I feel that
 yearbook is a
 tremendous
 opportunity for
 me. I plan on
 majoring in
 Journalism so I
 value every
 experience."
 Junior: Angela
 Magana

"It's a great
 learning
 experience, you
 learn to get
 along with
 people and
 better your
 writing and
 designing
 skills."
 Junior: Stacie
 Culp



"Yearbook is
 very fun. If you
 love to take
 pictures and
 took photo 1,
 then this is
 for you."
 Junior: Lisette
 Fontanez



Yearbook is a year
 round class. Junior
 Jennifer Vargas comes
 in during the summer
 to help wrap up the
 yearbook by helping
 with proofs.

Seek the



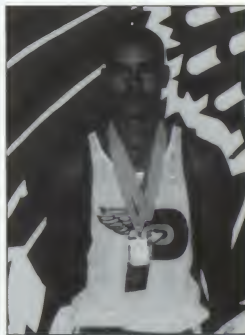
glory

The smell of competition is how some students survive in everyday activities. Without this, people would never know *the thrill, the adrenaline rush, and high* people get when competing that no one else can experience until that moment. This happens when the individual does their best in a game, meet, or any individual event. Adults and students alike are always *trying* to achieve that *one special goal* to *seek the glory*.



1999-2000 Wall of Fame Honorees





track track track track track

Season Record 7-0	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	Merrillville	107-41	Win
	Crown Point	107-19	Win
	Hobart	91-15	Win
	Valparaiso	91-61	Win
	Michigan City	78-54	Win
	LaPorte	80-37	Win
	Chesterton	80-50	Win
Varsity			



Varsity

Front Row: Robert Vega, Erik Berry, Timothy Timpy, Sarah Krej, Brian Westercamp, Adriano Leme, Micheal Urbanik. Second Row: Philip Guerre, Alex Mulvihill, Eddie Roman, Ryan West, Justin Follow, Adam Roman, Frank Nimith, Paul Watson, Jack Lundy, Kyle Sweeny. Third Row: Gregory Westerkamp, Stephan Hutchins, Jake Shear, Kyle Simmins, Matthew Cates, Jacob Fadely, Albert McCorkle, Nathan Stephens, Daniel Dehaven. Fourth Row: Ryan Wring, Micheal Brown, Steven Budkis, Richard Krieg, Micheal Halascak, Robert Charbonneau. Stuart Curran, Robert Tugurian, Matthew Diamond. Fifth Row: Stephen Helpingstine, Thomas Erickson, Xavier Mendez, Stephen Samuel, Christopher Erickson, Matthew Cronch, Andrew Zeha, Douglas Reynolds, Curtis Ksenak. Sixth Row: Nathan Krenkal, Christopher Hardaway, Mitchell Sims, Thomas Potts, Jeffrey Berntsen, Christopher Papachronis, Charles Pall, Joseph Baily, Adam Ritter, Micheal Zonder. Seventh Row: Aaron Flores, Matthew Simerneski, Gary Reed, James Sullivan, Chad Smolar, Scott Holtzman, Jason Martinez, Tony Turner, Anthony Vottero. Eighth Row: Nicholas Christian, Coach Anthony Harper, Coach Mark Fischer, Coach John Kappas, Scott Knutsen, Jason Ritter, Daniel Nimeth.

track track track track track



Photo By:

Journal Topics

In the lead of the 100 hurdles is senior Chad Smolar. Smolar's time for the 100 hurdles is 15.57 seconds.

As they wait for the gunshot Portage keeps their concentration on the finish line. Placing first in this race is junior Jacob Fadely



Photo By:

Journal Topics



Photo By:

In the third heat Portage tries hard to come through with a win. Taking first in the 100 is sophomore Paul Watson.

As he runs the 4x800 senior Michael Halaschak sets a new record. Halaschak was first and set the new record of 7:53.



Jennifer Tardis

Photo By:

As he leaps over the hurdle senior Chad Smolar focuses on the next one. Chad Smolar was first in the 300 hurdles.

Jennifer Tardis



Photo By:

Jennifer Tardis



As her two laps come to an end, sophomore Stephanie Krostag hands off the baton to freshman Katie Palmateer, who's part of the race is just beginning.



For the past four years, senior Anna Villanueva has perfected her event. As a senior, she won the title of Regional Discus Champion.

leaving tracks of unity

by Christina Vega

Track and Field: of relating to, or being any of various competitive athletic events performed on a running track and on the adjacent field. This is the definitive statement good old Mr. Webster would declare as *track and field*. Somehow, though, it does not seem to coincide with how the Portage Girls Track and Field athletes view their sport.

To many girls, the sport of track has become an important teacher in their lives. They respect the sport and put forth effort into reaching their personal bests. Sometimes the girls compete in a meet and walk away with a loss. However, track has a way

of disciplining them and they consequently grow as an athlete. "Track teaches you self-discipline and gives you determination to stick with the goals you set for yourself," stated sophomore Michelle Lute. This crucial lesson was well learned by the girls.

Despite the fact that track is a sport composed of individual performances, trackers possess an unconventional knack for coming together as a team. "Track athletes are awesome in the fact that even though we all have our own races to win, we know that we need our teammates to ultimately win," said senior Denisa Hobgood.

What!?!

Like the fact that my teammates really push me to succeed. They make practice a lot more endurable.

-Freshman Amanda Diaz

Track athletes are self-disciplined and determined to reach their goals. Track is a physically and psychologically demanding sport.

-Sophomore Michelle Lute

Track has taught me leadership, teamwork, and friendship.

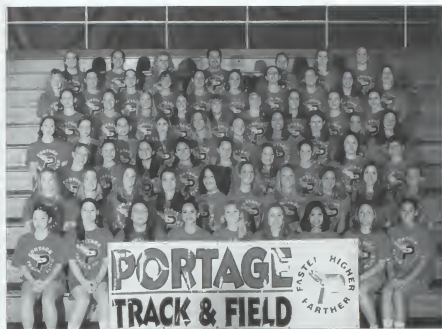
-Sophomore Angela Sabocik

This year had to be one of the best for the girls track team. Our team worked well together and we all fought really hard in every race. It was a good year to end with.

-Senior Denisa Hobgood

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girls track girls track girls



Varsity

Front Row: Isha Leon, Tamara Paniaguas, Esther Tugurian, Julietta Concepcion, Crystal Butler, Margeaux Lawson-Lloyd, Maria Lozano, Lindsay Abram, Renee Grant Second Row: Michelle Lute, Stephanie Krostag, Lindsay O'Rourke, Angela Sabocik, Jillian Wallace, Lauren Benson, Melissa Wright, Julianne Repay, Heather N. Nelson, Lauren Berntsen Third Row: Maureen Pall, Nicole Flannery, Jade Lopez, Richelle Alcantara, Danielle Gingerich, Sarah Wilkins, Carla Vargas, Holly Paniaguas, Amy Lochmondy Fourth Row: Jillynn Guth, Samantha Mitchell, Diana Meyers, Michelle Cirrincione, Amy Engel, Jessica Lazar, Jessica Cliver, Candace Gardner, Ashley Plummer, Heide Hulsiek Fifth Row: Gretchen Hargarten, Kelly Allison, Ingrid Conover, Alice Wozniak, Katie Palmateer, Nicole Rains, Joanna Benson, Rebecca Bradford, Lynda Watson Sixth Row: Tabatha Tachik, Erin Rooney, Shannon Ellenson, Jody Greer, Nicole Bacso, Denisa Hobgood, Cherish Davis, Christine Paunicka, Sarah Grund, Alison Zuidervliet Seventh Row: Anna Villanueva, Amanda Autrey, Coach Baker, Coach Harsha, Coach Peterson, Natalie Hardison, Kristen Leon.

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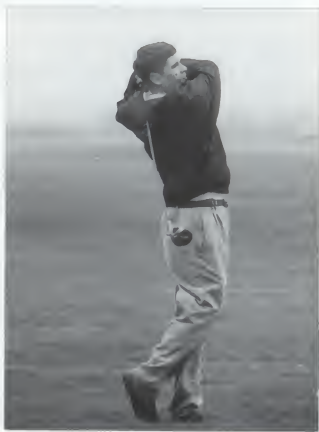
Season Record 3-9	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
Scoreboard	Boone Grove	97-26	Win
	Michigan City	50-73	Loss
	Chesterton	35-94	Loss
	LaPorte	35-27	Win
	Penn Invite	11th	Loss
	Valparaiso	52.5-89	Loss
	Hobart	52.5-10.5	Win
	Crown Point	39-31	Loss
	Merrillville	39-85	Win
	Conference	5th	Loss
	Sectional	3rd	Loss
	Regional	9th	Loss
	Varsity		



It takes body-awareness to know the exact location of your body and the precise time in which to reposition it. This is freshman Lauren Berntsen's first year high jumping.

The long jump is one of the many events junior Jillyn Guth competed in. Guth took first place in the 400 meter and the 4X400 relay.

To perfect his stroke, sophomore Christopher Gomez lines up his ball. Paying attention to details is a big part of the game.



After teeing off, sophomore Eric Spur tries to look and see where his ball is going to land.

Senior golfer Matthew Whitver pitches the golf ball just outside of the green. Whitver has golled on the varsity team for two years straight.



To get tips for his own game, senior Jay Durr watches as Kevin Nuellman tees off. Nuellman has been on the golf team for 4 years now.



What?!

I hope next year Varsity will make it to state, and that I will get to play more on the Varsity level.
-Sophomore Chris Gomez

Wells is an awesome coach, he helps everyone out a lot.
-Freshman John Andrews

I definitely need to play more consistent.
-Sophomore Eric Spurr

Page Designed By: Stacey Culp

Season Record 26-31	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
Scoreboard	Andean	10-5	Win
	E. Chicago	2-10	Loss
	Gary	7-8	Loss
	Valparaiso	5-3	Win
	Michigan City	8-10	Loss
	Merrillville	20-15	Win
	Crown Point	5-10	Win
	LaPorte	2-1	Loss
	Hobart	1-2	Loss
	Hebron	9-6	Win
Varsity			

new coach Brings new ideas

by Dave Gilbert

Change either improves a team greatly or hinders it to an extreme. This year the boys' golf team went through a major change. When Ryan Fisher left the walls of PHS last year, so did his father, golf coach Greg Fisher. The honor of new golf coach was bestowed upon Coach Tim Wells. Wells kept many similarities and ideas from Fisher, but the differences are easily expressed by the team. "Coach Wells is more laid back and lets us have more fun rather than business all the time," said senior Kevin Luellman. Most of the team agrees that Wells is an outstanding coach, but the problems the teams faced this season were not with coaching.

Many players have

their own weaknesses to work on, but as a team, consistency seems to be the biggest weakness overall. "Everyone puts up good scores occasionally, but we to all the time," Luellman said. "The hardest course for me this year was the Lake of Four Seasons Country Club," said sophomore Eric Spurr. "It was a cold, wet, and rainy day." The boys' golf team made it through the season successfully, but without a state title. The team looks to the future where a state title might lie. "Hopefully next year we will get a state title or at least a state birth," said Spurr. "At the least we want a chance to prove ourselves."

girls golf team

Advances

by nicole ring

Though the girl's golf team wasn't doing very well in the beginning, they pulled together to win third place at sectionals and 9th place in regionals. "I think the team did exceptionally well. We got 3rd place in sectionals allowing us to advance to regionals," states Sophomore Heather Dunn. Teamwork is very important no matter what sport you're in, and this is the same with golf. "It took us a few days to get acquainted, but by the first match we knew each other well enough to work as a team," said Sophomore Amanda Nelson. Although the golf team did exceptionally well toward the end of the season,

everyone agrees that there's room to improve. "We definitely need to practice more in the summer," said Senior Angie Lazar. One of teams key players this year was Senior Natalie Yudt, who was this year's MVP. "If we were all as dedicated as Natalie we would be unstoppable!" exclaims Freshman Jessica Lazar. Whether in golf or any other sport, everyone has their favorite memories. Memories are what make being on a team special. "My favorite moment," said Senior Angie Lazar, was when Jen Kaminski and I played a scramble and beat a score Natalie would normally shoot. It felt great to shoot in the 30's."

To recover from a difficult lie, Senior Jennifer Morrisroe attempts to shoot her ball onto the green at Robinhurst during a match



To focus intently on the ball is sometimes the key. Here sophomore Heather Dunn watches the follow through of her putt.

golf golf golf golf golf golf



Varsity

Front Row: Cynthia Baker, Danielle Moore, Suzanna Harman, Katie Danskin, Mandy Nelson, Angela Lazar Second Row: Jennifer Morrisroe, Jessica Lazar, Stephanie Loftland, Jennifer Risner, Katherine Mc Murry, Back Row: Coach Tom Milakovic, Heather Dunn, Mary Nolan, Jennifer Kaminski, Natalie Yudt

golf golf golf golf golf golf



As she follows through on her stroke, senior Jennifer Morrisroe looks to where her ball is going. Sometimes the first stroke is most important.

At the driving range, freshman Jessica Lazar practices her drive. The golf team spent many hours at the driving range perfecting their game.

What?!

Golf is such a laid back sport; it attracts those people to the team.

-Senior Angela Lazar

I think our team did the best at sectionals.

-Sophomore Heather Dunn

Mr. Milakovic would never get down on us about anything but he would always encourage us to do our best. He's a great coach.

-Senior Jennifer Morrisroe

My favorite moment is whenever we watched Natalie Yudt in her many tie breakers during the season.

-Freshman Jessica Lazar

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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
Scoreboard	Kankakee Valley	223-199	Loss
	Munster	210-160	Loss
	Marquette	218-192	Loss
	Michigan City	204-237	Win
	Lake Central	205-169	Loss
	Hanover Central	205-244	Win
	LaPorte	198-188	Loss
	Chesterton	201-233	Win
	Merrillville	187-185	Loss
	Hobart	196-254	Win
	Valparaiso	195-179	Loss
	Lowell	197-227	Win
	Wheeler	197-209	Win
	Crown Point	181-176	Loss
Varsity	Boone Grove	181-206	Win
	Sectionals	378	3rd
	Regionals	417	9th

While watching the placement of his shot, Brandon Arnold hit the ball over the net. He's attempting to score a point to win the match.



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Junior Varsity

From Left: Kevin Wall, Brian Golarz, Jake Cunningham
Back Row: Jeff Bernstein, Jon Cotton, Jason Jedlikowski,
Coach Sobolewski

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What ^{tennis} is tennis?

by: tawatha hogue

"A physical activity, especially one with a set form and body of rules," is the definition of a sport, according to Webster's Dictionary. Does this include tennis?

It looks so easy. The object is to get a small yellow ball in between two white lines on a green court. People in the movies play all the time without even looking tired.

This is a common tennis myth. Team members practice by running to

condition and keep in shape, lessons, summer camps and work hard to earn their right to stay on the tennis team.

They sacrifice their time all year long, not just during the season.

Much of their time is spent together, special friends and memories are made. In the end, they were less worried about whether they did their best for their team.

With concentration on his face, senior Bert Cook swings the racket cranking the ball over the net. He's hoping to score a point.



What!?!

The team has done a very good job of competing despite the inexperience of most the players.

-Senior Bert Cook

My favorite moment was when I played Clint Kiethly from Valpo. It was a great experience.

-Freshman Ryan Twilla

You come to school with a positive attitude, you will have a positive day.

-Freshman Brett Arnold

Tennis is an individual sport, but in practice we work well together to help each other out.

-Senior Derek Williams

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Senior Paul Bauer goes down to reach the tennis ball. Bauer played junior varsity last year and varsity this year.



Varsity

Front Row: Colin Highlands, Brett Arnold, Pat Highlands
Paul Bauer, Coach Olivotto Back Row: Coach Mason, Ryan Twilla, Kevin Guth, Brandon Arnold, Bert Cook

Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
Scoreboard	Bishop Noll	5-0	Won
	Highland	1-4	Loss
	Lafayette Jeff	2-3	Loss
	West Lafayette	2-3	Loss
	Michigan City	4-1	Win
	Hobart	5-0	Win
	Crown Point	2-3	Loss
	Merrillville	2-3	Loss
	Chesterton	4-1	Win
	Valparaiso	1-4	Loss
	LaPorte	1-4	Loss
	S.B.St. Joe	1-4	Loss
	Andrean	1-4	Loss
	Griffith		Loss
	Sectionals		cancel
	Chesterton	4-1	Won
	Valparaiso	1-4	Loss
	Individual		
	Chesterton	6-3 6-4	Won
	Valparaiso	6-0 6-1	Won
	Merrillville	6-0 6-4	Won
Varsity	Regionals		
	Knox	6-2 6-2	Won
	Goshen	6-7 3-6	Loss

Before the meet, freshman Carrie Barnum practices her forehand. At practices the girls work on their swings such as the backhand and volley.



Photo By: Stephanie Larson

What?!

I like tennis because we have fun with all the people and I feel comfortable playing it.
-Junior Lynn Ewen

My favorite part is the togetherness the tennis team had. We are all very close.
-Junior Jessica Berquist

I love playing the game. We all have fun together; it's more than just a game to us.
-Freshman Susanne Harman

I think we did really well this year. I think it was due in part to us all being so close.
-Junior Cassandra Chelf

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Junior Varsity

Front Row: Karla Villacin, Susanna Harman, Monica Tatela, Carrie Barnum, Nicole Peek. Back Row: Jessica Berquist, Nicole Tessner, Julie Green, Biljana Jasnic, Laura Birch, Lynn Ewen, Lauren Dimitri.

After she swings, junior Cassandra Chelf waits for her opponent to return the ball. Varsity won with a close score of 3-2.

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Varsity

Front Row: Carolyn Slamkowski, Amber Johnson, Stephanie Balunda, Michele Williams. Back Row: Coach Sobolewski, Jennifer Kaminski, Cassandra Chelf, Jennifer Chelf, Manager Ryan Twilla.

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In the meet against Crown Point, senior Michele Williams returns her opponents hit. Michele is in the first singles and won this match 6-0 and 6-2.

At a home meet against the Bulldogs, sophomore Nicole Tessmer runs to receive the ball. JV lost with a final score of 2-3.

Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
Scoreboard	Varsity		
	Boone Grove	4-1	Win
	LaPorte	1-4	Loss
	Crown point	3-2	Win
	Michigan City	2-3	Loss
	E.C. Central	5-0	Win
	Valparaiso	1-4	Loss
	St. Joe Invite	2nd	
	Sectional		
	Valparaiso	1-4	Loss
	Junior Varsity		
	Boone Grove	3-1	Win
	LaPorte	1-4	Loss
	Crown Point	2-3	Loss
	Michigan City	5-0	Win
	E.C. Central	4-1	Win
	Valparaiso	1-4	Loss
Varsity			

In the air for a layup, junior Jacob Parker goes for points after grabbing a loose ball. In Parker's junior year, he averaged over 20 points per game.



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Varsity

Front Row: Nicholas Mayerik, Michael Taylor, Angelo Papachronis, Jacob Parker, James Hazzard, Mark Korba, Bryan Dixon. Second Row: Mr. Jay Hodges, Mr. Steve Bartos, Bryan Homan, Matthew Welches, John Durr, Kevin Luellman, Brian Ball, Mr. Tom Wells, Vance Carlin.

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Point guard John Durr stands with his parents as seniors were being honored that night. Two out of the five starters on this year's team were seniors

In his first year as basketball coach, Mr. Tom Wells argues a decision made by the referee. "The new coaching staff brought a whole new outlook onto the basketball court," senior Kevin Luellman said.



new style of play

by: jason orshaw

Most everyone believed that the Portage Boy's Basketball team could not do it. However, they shoved it back in their faces when they defeated Valpo (14-1). The team went into the sectionals with a record just over fifty percent. There were down points in the season but, what an improvement! Last year the team finished out 8-13. This year they finished with a 12-10 record. One of the major improvements that need to be made is playing together as a team.

The magic that one sees when the team is practicing and playing is new to the team this year. That new magic has the name of Coach Wells. One of the major advantages

under the new coach is the fact that he let's them play the way they want. "We got to play our own offense-shooting," said Guard/Forward senior Bryan Homan. Also, it has been said that the coaching staff is more upbeat and fun to play under.

Most everyone on the team is proud of the way that the season ended. "I am proud the way the season ended. We were the underdogs and we beat the favored team. I think that is awesome" said Forward Angelo Papachronis.

If this season is a sign of what's to come for varsity basketball team, then the future will be sweet to the Indians.

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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
12-10			
Scoreboard	Lake Central	69-67	Win
	Chesterton	63-77	Loss
	Merrillville	47-62	Loss
	Michigan City	76-79	Loss
	Elkhart	53-71	Loss
	Bishop Noll	79-63	Win
	Valparaiso	81-65	Win
	Michigan City	67-58	Loss
Varsity			



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On defense, senior Bryan Homan watches his opponents every move. He is one of five seniors on the team.

Basketball cocked and ready junior Nicholas Mayerik gets ready to go up for a dunk. Mayerik came off the bench to score 14 points in a win over Hobart.

In the air, senior Natalie Yudi jumps for a rebound in a crowd of Chesterion basketball players. The team beat Chesterion that night 52-39.

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Varsity

Front Row: Tracie Korbar, Ashley Safstrom, Michelle Pickering, Cheryl Burgler, Jaime Lewis. Back Row: Mr. Doug Nelson, Nicole Dearing, Amanda Autrey, Natalie Yudi, Lauren Hansen, Renee Turpa.

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Coach Renee Turpa and the team look onto the court as a play develops. Turpa watched many plays develop as they finished their season 17-4.

Scanning the court, senior point guard Michelle Pickering looks for someone in which to pass the ball. Pickering played point guard all four years in basketball.





Four year varsity player, senior Cheryl Burger looks the shot into the basket. Included in the four players were seniors Michelle Pickering and Natalie Yudi.

After a missed shot, junior Lauren Hansen battles Chesterton players down below for a rebound. Hansen started on the team at power forward.



senior trio Goes out big

by Jason Brastow

Cutting down the stereotypes is exactly what the Girls' Varsity basketball team did this year. This theory can be proved by just watching the team play on the court. "Everyone was really close to each other and I think that is what helped us to be so successful", said Center Amanda Autrey. Most everyone on the team believes there is room for improvement. However, one of the main goals is complete. That goal is to have fun. It's been proven that a players

overall game skills are higher when they are having fun. "This year was the funnest of all my four years in high school. I think it was because of all of my teammates. They were the best", said Point Guard Michele Pickering.

"I am proud and disappointed on how the season ended. Every girl on the team left their emotions on the floor in the last game. That's all you can ask for, but we should be at state and not at Valpo", said Michele Pickering.

The senior girls played a great season.

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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
17-4	E. Chicago	68-34	Win
	Gavit	64-40	Win
	Kankakee Valley	52-29	Win
	Munster	59-51	Win
	Chesterton	52-39	Win
	Andean	53-34	Win
	Merrillville	58-39	Win
	Bishop Noll	72-20	Win
	Michigan City	78-51	Win
	Boone Grove	79-30	Win
	Lake Central	68-55	Win

Scoreboard

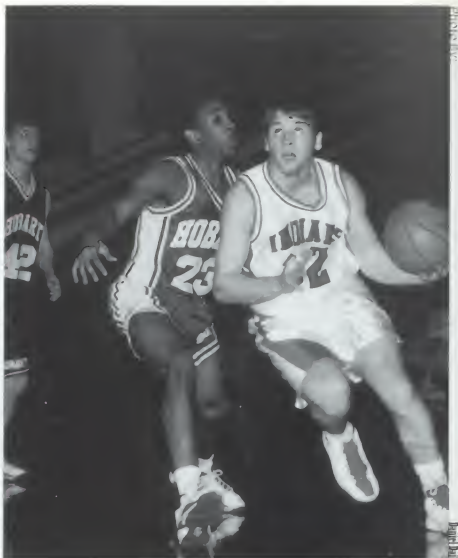
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Junior Brian Beach drives past his Hobart opponent and goes strong towards the hoop.

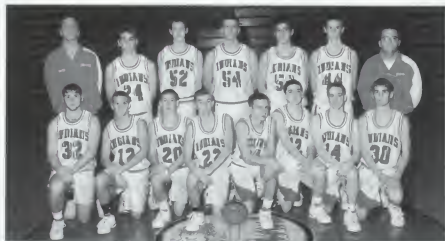
Junior Varsity coach, Mr. Steve Bartos, calls for a timeout to rethink the team's next move. Bartos helped with the freshmen and varsity teams in the past.



Trapped near the baseline, sophomore Matthew Vaughn looks for sophomore Brad Stevenson to pass the ball to.



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Junior Varsity

Front Row: Brian Beach, Matthew Vaughn, Craig Foster, Ryan Campbell, Michael Supp, Bradley Stevenson, Dennis Trafny Back Row: Mr. Steve Bartos, Steven Cimbaljevich, Jonathon Cotton, Scott Swanson, Vance Carlin

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At the baseline, freshman basketball coach Mr. Reid Amores gives signs for the team's next play.

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Through traffic, a freshman player dribbles as he looks for an open lane.

In a struggle to turn the corner, a freshman player goes for the score while attempting to keep his balance.

Crouched and giving signals, assistant coach Mr. Bob Maicher coached his first season at this school. Ms. Leslie Cashmore and Maicher coached the team to a 15-2 record



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Freshmen

Front Row: Lindsay Abrahm, Megan McGlothlen, Leigh Cotton, Krissy Kornacky. Second Row: Becca Wyatt, Jessica Lazar, Lauren Bernstein, Cynthia Hasset, Katie Palmatter. Back Row: Bob Maicher, Alice Wozniak, Melissa Olson, Allison Zuidervliet, Christen Zaragoza, Leslie Cashmore.

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Out of the game, sophomore Natalie Hardison is congratulated while coming to take a break.

Complete focus on the ball, sophomore Shannon Smolar awaits as the ball is brought upcourt. Smolar said, "The fans and the teammates pushing you and helping you out" is what encouraged her.



What?!

The best moment of the season was when we beat Valpo. It was challenging but we won. The worst was when we lost two times against LaPorte. They were very close games.

-Freshman Leigh Cotton

I ended the season pretty good with a 16-6 record, but we hoped on going to state, and we could have. But there's always next year.

-Sophomore Nicole Dearing

At the end, looking back over the whole season, I, as well as the whole team, should feel proud and confident that next season will be as good as this one.

-Freshman Rebecca Wyatt

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Junior Varsity

Front Row: Stephanie Chitwood, Carly Ristich, Shannon Smolar, Ashley Plummer. Back Row: Carrie Wiseman, Melissa Mateo, Natalie Hardison, Randi Leggett, Kate Lindstrom.

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At the top of the key, freshman Lindsay Abrams scans the court for somebody to pass the ball.

In a chase for a loose ball, freshman Rebecca Wyatt tries to beat out Andrian players for possession.

Junior Varsity cheerleaders show their spirit in a mount. The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders alternated game responsibility so there would always be cheerleaders at the games.

fun facts and figures

- The homecoming game was between Portage and Valparaiso.
- The end score of the Valparaiso and Portage game was 38-62.
- The varsity boys basketball season ended with a record of 12-10.
- Spirit week was to show the school support for the team.



Lined up are the homecoming winners, Xavier Mendez, Erica Lo, Saneel Ibrahim, and Daniel Costa.

Half way through a flip is freshman Amanda Diaz. Tumbling was a major part of cheerleading routines this year.





Gathered together for a photo are the nominees for Queen. The nominees are chosen during lunch hours by the junior and senior class.

fun facts and figures

- This year the Winter Homecoming Queen was senior Erica Lo.
- The Winter Homecoming Princess was junior Saneé Ibrahim.
- The Winter Homecoming King was senior Xavier Mendez.
- Junior Daniel Costa was the Winter Homecoming Prince this year.

Most people enjoy Winter Homecoming Week.

After all, what would the cold and gray winter be like if there were no such events as Spirit Week and the Winter Homecoming Dance?

Even for those who do not participate in the dance or Spirit Week, it is still interesting to see people wear summer clothes in the middle of winter.

"It's the time when you can act and dress like a fool and nobody looks down on you. I love it," senior Lucille Concepcion said.

Spirit Week

Plus, all of the spirit and cheeriness help support the teams to laugh in the faces of competition. "I like watching



the video clips of the winter sports to learn more about the people that participate in those sports," Mrs. Mangold said. One might ask, "Who makes these activities

possible?" Well, the thanks go to the very busy and dedicated members of the National Honor Society. People like Katie Foster and Lindsey Benninger, who chaired this year, play a great hand in the planning of nearly all events that take place during the Winter Homecoming Week. Some of the jobs Honor Society has to fulfill are items such as getting a hold of, and ordering the Homecoming Crowns, flowers, and sashes. A majority of the decorating is taken care of by Honor Society as well. "It's hard work and it is very important. The more school spirit, the better off Homecoming will be," senior Katie Foster said.

Written By: Jason Bristow

Designed by: Angela Magaña

In a game against Lake Central, senior David Simonsohn returns the ball from out of bounds. Simonsohn played soccer for all four years of high school.



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Varsity
 Front Row: Assistant Coach Bob Laramie, Steven Cimbalevich, Scott Knutsen, Jacob Parker, Matthew Whitver, Gary Reed, John Yaksic, Coach Jim Green. Second Row: Michael Ziulkowski, Matthew Westerkamp, Michael Pickart, Xavier Mendez, David Simonsohn, Daniel Rodriguez, Ricardo Viera, Matthew Andryuk. Back Row: Justin Follow, Daniel Crouch, Mark Korba, Jeffrey Metz, Rainier Alcantara, Mathew Hutchins, Dustin Pittman.

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Season Record 8-0-2	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	Westville	14-0	Win
	Crown Point	8-1	Win
	Andean	1-0	Win
	Hobart	9-4	Win
	Michigan City	12-1	Win
	St. Joe	4-2	Win
	Laporte	5-1	Win
	Munster	1-2	Loss
	Culver	4-0	Win
	Valparaiso	2-3	Loss
	Sectionals: Chesterton	3-0	Win
	Valparaiso	2-1	Win
	Regionals: Boone Grove	5-1	Win
	SemiState: Penn	0-1	Loss

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the big game Valpo's all tied out

by angela magana

The half ended at 0-0. The Varsity team knew they could not let Valparaiso win. The second half began and Valparaiso made a goal. The crowd was in shock. Portage knew that they had to score to tie the game.

This game was for the sectional championship. Earlier in the season Portage faced Valparaiso and they walked away defeated, 2-3.

The game continued and Portage showed Valpo that they would not lose this one. The tension was building as the clock counted down. Time ended, the game went into overtime. That ended neck and neck as well, so the shootouts had began. The first ended in a tie

causing another. The effort of the goalie, junior Jeffrey Metz, caused Portage the win by one. Every Portage fan was cheering and screaming for their team. This was a very emotional time, "We beat Valpo! We beat Valpo!" Matthew Whitver cheered as tears of joy trickled down his face and his fist raised in victory.

The team had gone to semi-state against Penn. The team left defeated but not as sad as expected. "We should have beaten Penn. but all I have to say is WE BEAT VALPO!" senior Matthew Andryuk quoted. The 1999 soccer season was a successful for the Varsity boys with a record of 11-3.

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Junior Varsity

Front Row: Michael Budny, John Andrews, Henry Kopanski, John Kehlms, Brooks Gorden, Ryan Campbell. Second Row: Douglas Tones, Jay Beckham, Zachary Knutsen, Stefan Hutchins, Russell Roberts, Daniel Reisen, Aaron Sweeny. Back Row: Coach Bob Laramie, Andrew Bennett, Nicholas Kanich, David Crouch, Mark Yaksic, Christian Hohne, Nick Hammond.

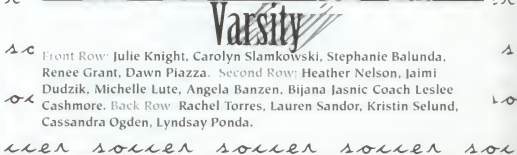
Goalie junior Jeffrey Metz prevents another point from being scored. Metz was the star of many games with block and catches to help win the game.



Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	2-4-2		
	Crown Point	0-0	Tie
	Andean	1-1	Tie
	Hobart	3-0	Win
	Michigan City	1-1	Tie
	St. Joe	0-3	Loss
	Laporte	2-1	Win
	Munster	0-0	Tie
	Valparaiso	0-1	Loss
	Sectionals:		
	Chesterton	3-2	Win
	Valparaiso	2-4	Loss
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After dribbling down field, Junior Varsity team member, junior Christian Huhne prepares to pass the ball. Huhne is a foreign exchange student from Germany, where he also played soccer.

Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
3-0-7			
Scoreboard	Crown Point	1-3	Loss
	Munster	0-3	Loss
	Hobart	2-3	Loss
	Michigan City	8-0	Win
	Lake Central	0-4	Loss
	Laporte	3-1	Win
	Andrean	1-2	Loss
	St. Joe	0-5	Loss
	Valparaiso	1-6	Loss
	Wheeler	4-0	Win
Sectionals:			
	Michigan City	5-0	Win
	Laporte	4-0	Win
Regionals:			
	Valparaiso	0-1	Loss
Varsity			



Front Row: Julie Knight, Carolyn Slamkowski, Stephanie Balunda, Renee Grant, Dawn Piazza. Second Row: Heather Nelson, Jaimi Dudzik, Michelle Lute, Angela Banzen, Bijana Jasnic Coach Leslee Cashmore. Back Row: Rachel Torres, Lauren Sandor, Kristin Selund, Cassandra Ogden, Lyndsay Ponda.



Junior Varsity player Sarah Stoeck attempts to shoot a goal past the opposing teams goalie. The Junior Varsity team finished with a 4-6 record.



Elbowed by an opponent, sophomore Jaimi Dudzik struggles to steal the ball from their opponents offense. Dudzik played on the Varsity team this year.



Teammates clear the way for freshman Carrie Barnum as she dribbles the ball down field. Team players warm-up before each game to prepare themselves.



Surrounded by opponents, freshman Alice Wozniak carefully protects Portage offense as she successfully guards the ball past Laporte defense.

What!?!

My favorite moment was after we defeated Laporte in the sectionals and we were listening to the boys game. When we found out that both Portage teams were sectional champs everyone went crazy!!
-Sophomore Christine Keaton

The camping trip our team took during the summer was so fun and we definitely bonded!!
-Junior Kristin Selund

We played well against Valpo in the Regional game, although we didn't win. But I think we played our best game that night!!
-Senior Lyndsay Ponda

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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
4-0-6	Crown Point	1-3	Loss
	Munster	5-0	Win
	Hobart	0-1	Loss
	Michigan City	2-0	Win
	Lake Central	2-1	Win
	Laporte	3-0	Loss
	Andrean	0-1	Loss
	St. Joe	0-4	Loss
	Valparaiso	0-5	Loss
	Wheeler	4-0	Win

Scoreboard

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Junior Varsity

Front Row: Amy Engel, Ingrid Conover, Courtney Goelz, Alice Wozniak, Melissa Mateo. Second Row: Sarah Stoehr, Michelle Cirrincione, Jessica Sosa, Christine Keaton, Sarah Brown. Back Row: Alison Zuidervliet, Rebecca Bradford, Deanna Loeffler, Carrie Barnum, Coach Leslee Cashmore.

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Against Hobart, senior pitcher Dustin Vrska puts a little more into his fastball. Vrska has pitched varsity for two years.

Off from first base, junior Adam Higgins leads off as he eyes the pitcher watching out for a pick off move.



With a strong swing, junior John Yuko connects on a pitch to send it down the first base line.

In the on-deck circle, senior Christopher Hicks and coach Reid Amones discuss strategies before his at bat. This years was Amones' third year coaching.



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Varsity

Front Row: Brian Dixon, Christopher Hicks, Scott Riley, Adam Higgins, Eric Richie, Mark Wiseman Back Row: Tom Levandowski, Ben Simon, Brian Lewandowski, John Vucko, Jimmy Oliver, Dave Niloff, Dustin Vrska, Reid Amones

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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. them	Win/ Loss
11-14	Lake Central	6-7	Loss
	Lake Central	5-11	Loss
	Merrillville	5-3	Win
	Boone Grove	4-5	Loss
	Boone Grove	10-7	Win
	Valparaiso	2-6	Loss
	Hobart	9-0	Win
	Crown Point	0-16	Loss
	Michigan City	7-4	Win
	Merrillville	3-13	Loss
	LaPorte	3-8	Loss
	Valparaiso	8-10	Loss
	Chesterton	10-9	Win
	Crown Point	2-5	Loss
	Hobart	12-2	Win
	St. Joseph	1-2	Loss
	St. Joseph	2-1	Win
	Michigan City	8-2	Win
Varsity	Hammond	14-4	Win
	Chesterton	5-7	Loss
	Culver	13-3	Win
	Culver	6-5	Win
	Andrean	1-11	Loss

First baseman, senior Scott Riley holds the Hobart runner on first while blocking away the sun. This was Riley's first year starting at first for varsity.

Sometimes the game isn't all about competition, as the coaches of the opposing teams prove here, as they share a few words and laughs.

The struggle to make it to the plate is always a challenge presented to the players during a game. Remember, keep your eye on the ball.



ju freshman baseball

Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
4-4			
Scoreboard	Andrean	10-5	Win
	E. Chicago	2-10	Loss
	Gary	7-8	Loss
	Valparaiso	5-3	Win
	Michigan City	8-10	Loss
	Merrillville	20-15	Win
	Crown Point	5-10	Win
	LaPorte	2-1	Loss



As they watch their teammates, the freshman baseball teams lines up. Team morale is always important to win games.



Caught in mid-air, here a JV team member tries to jump over a player of the opposing team as he struggles to grab the ball.

The pitcher for the JV team winds up and throws his pitch, one of the most important elements of the game.

determination Leads team to state

by: Stacey Culp

While a portion of the regular season softball games were cancelled due to the weather, the softball teams were even more determined than ever to succeed. Determined enough that their drive took the Varsity team not only sectionals and regionals, but also to the state tournament in Indianapolis. Even forgetting that they won state, the girl's junior varsity

and varsity softball teams had an excellent season in which the girls not only won games, but had a good time doing it as well. Going to state made people actually realize how good our softball team really is. While sports such as football and basketball get all the publicity, its sometimes the more unnoticed sports such as softball and baseball that are more talented than we realize.

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"The Seniors": Stephanie Lowe, Cheryl Buergler, Angela Lazar, Corin Munoz, Michelle Pickering pose together for one last time.

With coaches and parents looking on, junior Belinda Myers checks her stance and gets ready to hit the ball.



What!?!

I started softball about 7 years ago, when I was 9. My favorite memory is when I was little I made a lot of friends. But during high school last year every game we ate icing!

-Sophomore Debbie Roberts

This season was great. All season we were believed to be the underdogs because we lost Wendy Cannon. I am so proud of everyone on this year's team because we proved to the press and to the state that we were good. Determination was our drive and it helped us kick butt!

-Junior Jamie Sutton

Before the next play, the team members gather together to work on their plan. Stressed again and again, teamwork is necessary to reach any goal.



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Varsity

Front Row: Ashley Safstrom, Corinne Munoz, Angela Lazar, Cheryl Buerger, Michelle Pickering, Tracey Kobar. Second Row: Christina Chase, Jeanette Piehl, Stephanie Lowe, Stephanie Cieselski, Hollie Owen, Rebecca Rodriguez, Caitlin Groves, Belinda Meyers. Back Row: Annette Bartok, Stephanie C., Jamie Lewis, Coach Jeff Smith "Smitty", Jamie Sutton, Melissa Misner.

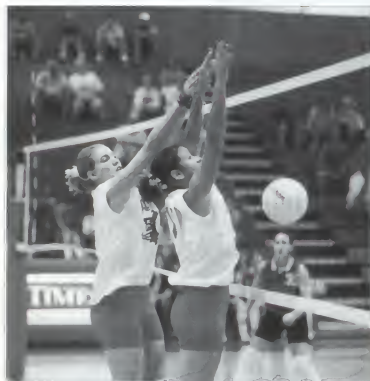


Looking for some encouragement, sophomore Elizabeth Collins talks to a friend. Getting motivation was important to players.

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Up for the block, senior Corinne Munoz and junior Lauren Hansen jump to spike the ball. This year the Varsity team ended with a record of 8-1-3.

With energy, juniors Lauren Hansen, Jamie Lewis, and Lauren Benson come together to celebrate the game. Others run to join in the fun after a victory.



With a hop, junior Jamie Lewis spikes the ball over the net. The Varsity team was especially proud of their teamwork this season.

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Varsity

Front Row: Caitlin Groves. Second Row: Denisa Hobgood, Coach Ed Dixon, Coach Chris Dixon, Colleen Stanish. Third Row: Jamie Sutton, Joanna Benson, Belinda Meyers, Jamie Lewis, Lindsey Benninger, Lauren Benson. Back Row: Melissa Misner, Jennifer Caldwell, Lauren Hansen, Corinne Munoz.

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What!?!

This years team was probably the closest off and on the court, which made playing together a lot easier.

-Senior Denisa Hobgood

We played our best match against Chesterton. Everyone thought we would lose, and we ended up slaughtering the number two team in our conference.

-Junior Jamie Sutton

Our favorite moments were the bus rides to games. We always found interesting things to talk about. Everyone on the team got along great and we all helped each other throughout the season.

-Senior Lindsey Benninger

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With a swing of the arm, junior Lauren Benson spikes the ball while teammate junior Jamie Lewis prepares for an assist. The team won two of the three matches they played against Griffith.



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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
8-1-3			
Scoreboard	Washington	2-0	Win
	Wheeler	2-1	Win
	Marquette	1-1	Tie
	West Side	2-0	Win
	South Central	2-0	Win
	LaPorte	0-2	Loss
	Highland	1-2	Loss
	Crown Point	2-0	Win
	Kankakee Valley	1-2	Loss
	Griffith	2-1	Win
	Valparaiso	2-0	Win
	Gavit	2-1	Win
	Tournament:		
	Plymouth	2-0	Win
	St. Joe	1-2	Loss
	Penn	0-2	Loss
	Homestead	1-2	Loss
	Northridge	2-1	Win
Varsity			



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At practice the Varsity team bumps the volleyball around the court. Teams practiced techniques to perfect for their upcoming games.

Hands up for the set, junior Lauren Benson jumps in the air to return the ball to the receiving team. Teammates pose behind her ready to help if needed.

As she bumps the volleyball, Freshman Cristin Zaragoza puts all her efforts into getting the ball over the net. The players this year put a hundred percent effort into their performance.



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Junior Varsity

Front Row: Rachel Alcantera, Leigh Cotton, Nicole Flannery, Jennifer Novotny, Jessica Lazaar Second Row: Heather Nelson, Julie Green, Mary Stinson, Rebecca Andrews, Coach Kramer

volleyball volleyball volleyball

Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
11-13			
Scoreboard	Washington	2-0	Win
	Hobart	1-2	Loss
	Laporte	0-2	Loss
	Andean	1-2	Loss
	Kankakee Valley	2-0	Win
	Lake Central	0-2	Loss
	Michigan City	2-0	Win
	Warsaw	0-2	Loss
	Wheeler	2-0	Win
	Munster	2-1	Win
	Chesterton	1-2	Loss
	Merrillville	0-2	Loss
	Valparaiso	0-2	Loss
Freshmen			



After making an excellent play J.V. players Jennifer Novotny and Rachel Alcantera give each other a high five. Team spirit is half the game.

teamwork Is all it takes

written by: nicole ring

"I got it!" Those are the three words heard the most when at a volleyball game. Coaches spend endless hours after school drilling those simple words into their player's heads. Communication along with teamwork is the key to a successful game. Without it, there would be no unity.

The J.V. as well as the Freshman volleyball team did very well this year in the long run. The teammates did, however, have opposing opinions on how the team did this year. "In the beginning, we weren't playing that well together,

but by the end, our team unity was great," Freshman Lauren Berntsen said.

Freshman Rebecca Wyatt had another opinion. "Our team didn't work together very well this year at all." The team had many elements that they felt they needed to work on, ranging from improving their attitude to keeping their heads up. Most of all, everyone agreed that teamwork got them where they were this year ending the season with a J.V. season record of 11-13, and a freshmen season that was to be proud of.

Scoreboard

Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
11-13	Washington	2-0	Win
	Wheeler	2-0	Win
	Westside	2-0	Win
	South Central	2-1	Win
	LaPorte	0-2	Loss
	Highland	1-2	Loss
	Crown Point	1-2	Loss
	Kankakee Valley	2-1	Win
	Chesterton	2-1	Win
	Hammond Gavit	2-1	Win
	Griffith	1-2	Loss

J.V.

What!?!

My favorite moment was when we beat Valpo in the tourney. JJ

-Freshman Rebecca Wyatt

I think once we all got to know each other, then we started playing together as a team and our level of playing went up greatly. JJ

-Freshman Lauren Berntsen

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Freshmen

Front Row: Jessica Cotton, Caitlyn Walstra, Melissa Olsch, Cristin Zaragoza, Liz Koziol, Angela Wayne. Back Row: Coach Bob Maicher, Becca Wyatt, Heather Cuttill, Chrissy Kornacki, Cynthia Hassett, Liz Stanish, Cherish Davis.

go the distance

by: angela magana

Boys Cross Country has created a name for itself. This is the fourth time the team has taken the State title. Portage has won the state title in '74-'75, '84-'85, '92-'93, and now this year 1999-2000.

The season ended with firsts in all races except Manchester and Culver Military Academy. There was no "choking" this year when they showed everyone by winning state with a score of 74 points. The top runners were seniors Jason Ritter (23rd), Steven Samuel (16th), juniors Micheal Taylor (2nd), Micheal Zonder (35th), and Craig Foster (50th).

Memories were made beside the state title. "My favorite moment was when I crossed the finish line at semi-state and Cheryl Buegler shook my hand," said Taylor.

Some even became superstitious. "One Saturday, we were doing a cool down at the TF South Rebel Invite. We noticed one of the course markers down which happened to be red. We took that flag and took it to every meet, even the soccer Sectional Final. That flag has never seen a loss. It is a representation of our blue collar style. It is nothing more than a tattered rag with athletic tape in the shape of two P's," said Junior Thomas Erickson.

With a large amount of the team graduating after this award winning season, will the boys take State again? Time can only tell, but with the efforts of all the underclassmen, and leaders such as Michael Taylor, Robert Charbonneau, or Craig Foster all is possible.



After their race, seniors Matthew Cronch, Steven Samuel, Jason Ritter, along with juniors Michael Zonder, and Michael Taylor pose for a group picture. They were the five top runners and also five reasons why the boys cross country won state.

What!?!

My favorite moment for this season was getting the State Championship trophy.

-Senior Steven Samuel

We have been working well together. Different people have stepped up when we really needed them.

-Junior Michael Taylor

This season is probably the most influential of all of ours because we had a lot of hurdles to surpass with injuries, sicknesses, and waiting for our superior training to start working, which it did at all the right times or shall I say the right time.

-Junior Thomas Erickson

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The battle continues as senior Michael Halaschak maintains his lead. Halaschak has been a large asset for the cross country team for the past four years.



As he makes his way around the bend, sophomore Craig Foster takes long strides with the intent to pass his Merrillville opponent. Foster played a key role this year. Foster placed 50th in the state meet win a time of 16:36.48.



As the upperclass runners graduate, it is up to the underclassmen to fill their shoes. Here, freshman Daniel Smeltzer and Brian Westerkamp begin their cross country career at Woodland Park.

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Cross Country

Front Row: Brian Westerkamp, Daniel Smeltzer, Michael Urbanik, Gregory Westerkamp. Second Row: Dennis Trafny, Craig Foster, Matthew Foster, Robert Charbonneau, Joseph Bailey, Michael Halaschak, Eric Berry, Joseph Hargarden. Third Row: Andrew Zeha, Michael Zonder, Daniel Nemeth, Steven Samuel, Alex Mulvihill, Charles Pall III, Aaron Garza. Back Row: Cyler Simmons, Christopher Erickson, Jason Ritter, Michael Taylor, Adam Ritter, Thomas Erickson, Doug Sweitzer.

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Season Record 14-1	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	Penn Hokum	first	Win
	Rebel Invite	first	Win
	Merrillville	first	Win
	LaPorte	first	Win
	Crown Point	first	Win
	Merrillville	first	Win
	Crown Point	first	Win
	New Prairie	first	Win
	N. Prairie Invite	first	Win
	Culver Military	second	Win
	Valparaiso	first	Win
	Hobart	57-59	Loss
	Manchester	first	Win
	Sectionals	first	Win
Boys CC			

On the course at Woodland Park, senior
Ilsa Conover concentrates on the finish
line to gain distance over her opponent,
a Merrillville runner.



Grouped together, a pack of runners lead
the way to victory. The meet took place at
Merrillville and they opened up the
season with a win.

A Chesterton mom congratulates
Sophomore runner Kelly Allison after a
race. Kelly Allison was one of the top
varsity finishers.

cross country cross country



Varsity

Front Row: Danielle Gingerich, Isha Leon, Jamie Wolfe, Amy
Lockmondy. Second Row: Ashley Plummer, Candace Gardner, Erica
Mendez, Melissa Evans, Lindsay O'Rourke, Sancee Ibrahim,
Stephanie Krostag, Carrie Rake, Ilsa Conover, Katie Palmateer. Third
Row: Coach Patty Baker, Heide Hullsiek, Gretchen Hargarten, Kristen
Danskinn, Christina Mihalek, Emily Kirk, Rebecca Siminski, Kelly
Allison, Coach Jay White.

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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
4-4-0			
Scoreboard	Penn		
	Varsity	4th	
	J.V.	2nd	
	Rebel Invite		
	Varsity	5th	
	J.V.	3rd	
	Merrillville	21-40	Win
	LaPorte	41-17	Loss
	Crown Point	18-43	Win
	New Prairie	15-46	Win
	Sectional	4th	
	Culver Invite	12th	
Varsity			

the take break

written by: christina vega

Standing adjacent to the finish line at a girls cross country meet, a person is not in the least bit apt to see one singular Portage runner finish among the top. After all, this is Portage cross country, therefore, everyone is guaranteed to see numerous Lady Indians finish on or near the top. "The team is so close. There was not one person who was number one, but rather six or seven number on spots," said head girls cross country Coach Jay White.

The ladies put a great deal of effort into the 1999 cross country season by conditioning and practicing throughout the entire summer. All the hard work they put into it and the strenuous practices they endured definitely showed come meet-time. "It's hard

to pinpoint a meet where everyone did great at, considering that cross country is a sport where individual performances vary," sophomore Candice Gardner stated.

Enveloped in a sectional victory, the ladies advanced to Regionals. Although the team did not pursue further success beyond Regionals, they still happened to run away with a winning attitude, a chance to learn from their mistakes, and new goals for next year.

"I'm really proud of the way they came together and worked as a team. We had some excellent leaders on our team who really worked hard," beamed Coach White. The cross country team ended their trying season with a 4-4

record.

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Jane Wolfe

In the last moments of the race against the pirates, sophomore Kelly Allison takes a deep breath and pursues the victory for her teammates.

Immediately concluding a race, a group of the girl cross country runners explode into hysterical laughter when a fellow teammate performs a victory dance.

Due to all of the positive comments, Mr. Ralph Mundt decided not to step down. Mundt and swimmers gather for a pep talk as they beat Valparaiso for the first time in Mundt's 23 year coaching career.



Photo by Dan Muhl

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Varsity

Front Row: Jason Kish, Eric Berry, Raineer Alcantara, Nathan Peek, Jay Beckham, Rex Hood, Brian Golarz, John Gardner. Second Row: Andrew Warren, James Gardner, Joseph Hulse, Tristan Smith, Donald Lubeck, Michael Szentesy, Greg Mundt, Adam Velasquez. Back Row: Jason Komenda, Daniel Hatten, John Kish, Chad York, Jeremy Goins, William Simken, James Kallamani, Nicholas Rodgers.

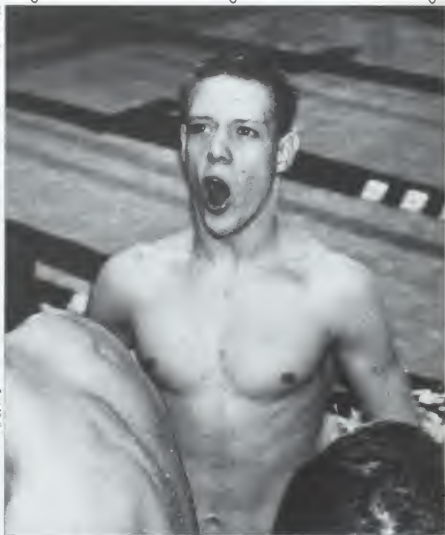
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Sophomore John Gardner sets up for his next race. Gardner participated in the relay team that went down to state.

To fire up teammates, senior James Gardner creates the intensity as the team huddled around him before the Valparaiso meet. The team won with the score of 131-54.



Season Record 8-2	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	Lafayette Jeff	107-79	Win
	Merrillville	133-52	Win
	Munster Relays	2nd place	
	LaPorte	131-55	Win
	Highland	112-74	Win
	Michigan City	132-54	Win
	Munster	79-106	Loss
	Crown Point	108-76	Win
	Valparaiso	131-54	Win
	Chesterton	87-98	Loss
	Wheeler	147-20	Win
	DAC Meet	2nd place	
	Sectionals	2nd place	

Varsity

business as usual

by christopher michael

After 23 years, Mr Ralph Mundt has sent swimmers to state, won sectionals on several occasions, beat Valparaiso and has set numerous school records. Mundt's 23 year career was thought to come to an end on Winter Sports Awards night, but he decided against stepping down shortly after spring break.

This summer, the swimmers had many expectations entering the new season. "Our expectations this year were good. We have a chance to place

first in DAC (Duneland Athletic Conference) and possibly first in our sectional. We expect to beat Valpo," sophomore Adam Velaquez said.

There was a difference in the coaching staff for the 2000 season. "The big difference is our new assistant coach, Coach Heiser. Besides that, it is business as usual," senior James Kallamani said.

It was "business as usual" as the team ended with a record of 8-2 and Mr. Mundt announced he return next season.

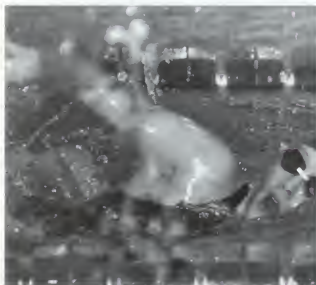
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At a practice, swimmers attempt to master their individual events before and after school.

After beating Valparaiso in another event, sophomore John Gardner celebrates another victory.

As she executes the back stroke during competition, sophomore Elizabeth Caldwell focuses intently on her performance. Not getting distracted is one an important factor while competing.



Breathe, just breathe. Coming up for air, sophomore Kara Gibson gives all she's got while competing in the freestyle event.

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Varsity

Front Row: Kristynn Herrold, Lena Klakoski, Jamie Wolfe, Margaret Simkin. Second Row: Rebecca Anders, Nicole Keith, Kari Kopko, Tamara Paniaguas, Eva Henson, Nina Krass, Richelle Alcantara, Alexis Chaddock. Third Row: Amanda Litke, Ingrid Conover, Amy Lochmondy, Jaclyn De bord, Holly Paniaguas, Jilliyen Guth, Nicole O Conner, Jade Lopez, Heather Piazza. Back Row: Heide Hullsieck, Gretchen Hargarten, Lynda Watson, Brenna Sweeny, Lauren Niemcewicz, Elizabeth Caldwell, Kara Gibson, Billie Jean Ramirez, Michelle Green.

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A little support can go a long way for an athlete. And in this case, senior Rebecca Anders got a little encouragement from one of her teammate's little brother.

Season Record 6-9	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	Hobart	134-49	Win
	Lafayette	88-97	Loss
	Merrillville	91-94	Loss
	Hammond	64-38	Win
	Lowell	61-41	Win
	South Bend	84-102	Loss
	LaPorte	104-82	Win
	Highland	87-99	Loss
	Michigan City	96-90	Win
	Munster	73-113	Loss
	Lake Central	53-133	Loss
	Crown Point	87-99	Loss
	Valparaiso	78-108	Loss
	Chesterton	64-122	Loss
	Wheeler	131-31	Win
DAC Meet		5th	
Sectionals		3rd	
State Meet		9th	

Varsity



What?!

My most memorable moment this season was Christmas Break..it was the worst experience of my life. But it did make me drop time.

-Sophomore Michelle Green

Michelle jammed a straw up my nose in Olive Garden and it started bleeding.

-Sophomore Rebecca Anders

This year the swim team pulled together well as a team and improved times from last season.

-Junior Jillyn Guth

My most memorable moment is when we went to state.

-Sophomore Billie Jean Ramirez



At the end of the pool, senior Margaret Simkin signals to her fellow teammate how many laps she has left in the event. Even though swimming is an individual sport, teamwork also played a major role this year.

In the middle of a flip, senior diver Lena Klakoski participates in a co-ed swim meet. Some of the swimmers this year made it to the State meet.

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The crunch of the players pads fill the field as juniors Nicholas Christian and Robert Holtzman make the tackle. The Indians beat Hobart 45-7.

Season Record 9-2	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	E.Chicago	40-0	Win
	Lake Central	21-26	Loss
	Hobart	45-7	Win
	Merrillville	42-35	Win
	Crown Point	29-7	Win
	Chesterton	27-10	Win
	Michigan City	35-7	Win
	Valparaiso	19-7	Win
	LaPorte	21-7	Win
	Sectionals		
	Merrillville	17-7	Win
	Sectionals		
	Lake Central	27-30	Loss
Varsity			



The team gathers to celebrate yet another Indian victory. The Varsity team ended this season with a record of 9-2. This year they won the DAC.

As senior Chad Ellenson breaks through the Brickie wall he adds to his yards ran. Chad ended this season with a total of 330 yards received.



football football football foot



Varsity

Front Row: Patrick Kennedy, Paul Moore, Glenn Cliver, Kevin Jones, Joshua Harman, Sean Hasset, Matthew Vaughan, James Ramirez, Chad Ellenson, Frank Monteleone, Scott Riley, Russ Natalie, Justin Powell.
Second Row: Coach Jacob Adames, Adam Erickson, Mario Lopez, Micheal Forgus, Angelo Papachronis, Nathan Ritchie, Robert Wring, Christopher Karagory, Jason Robbins, Frank Nimeth, Matthew Francis, Anthony Vottero, Matthew Diamond, Anthony Crist, Aaron Schnarr, Coach Craig Buzea.
Third Row: Coach Kurt Mattix, Micheal Brown, Jason Shewmaker, Brian Camp, Matthew Cates, Jacob Fadely, John James, Mitchell Vance, Hunter McKea, Michael Supp, James Sullivan, Thomas Pappas, Bryon Riley, Michael Peete, Ryan Hall, Coach Steve Livingston.
Fourth Row: Coach Brett Saint Germain, John Vucko, Matthew Semernezski, Robert Holtzman, Matthew Welches, Scott Buhman, Erik Carpenter, Jonathan Cadwell, Albert McCorkle, James Oliver Jr., Jason Martinez, Dennis Shea, Fred Joseph, Jason Ayala, Matthew Erickson, Coach Thomas Milner.
Fifth Row: Vance Carlin, Jake Shear, Steven Cimbaljevich, Cottrell Sanders, Ryan Bergner, Tracy Chapman, Scott Knusten, James Hazzard, Xavier Mendez, Nicholas Christian, Bryan Dixon, Nicholas Mayerik, Brian Nagler, Coach Dave Mattix.
Sixth Row: Nathan Krenkel, Joshua Sherrick, Meghan Hagerty, Jeannette Sanchez, Nicole Ayala, Tiffany McCormick, Kimberly Sisk, Eileen Craighead, Kelly Kirk, Christopher Woods, David Dienes II, Ryan Rosenberger, Coach Pete Turpa.

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What??!

Team work??? We are like the Three Musketeers.
-Senior Thomas Pappas

My favorite moment was when James Ramirez made a 102 yard interception return.
-Senior Chad Ellenson

It was a blast playing with all my teammates and knowing my coaches. Thanks for all the memories.
-Senior James Oliver

My favorite moment was after the summer workouts, a lot of the guys would go to a buffet to eat.
-Senior Matthew Welches

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At the Hobart game "Words of Wisdom" are being told to senior Frank Monteleone by Coach Milner. Frank scored 3 touchdowns this season.

Past the Brickies, senior Thomas Pappas sprints. "Home games are the best because 5,000 people screaming for you all at the same time is the best feeling," said Pappas.

Down and set sophomore Nathan Krenkle gets ready to begin the play. The JV team won this game 22 to 14.



promising Future

by christina vega

Pride, unity and determination is what sets the 1999 Junior Varsity and Freshman football teams apart from pre-existing teams. "This group pulled together more when they were behind than any other teams I've coached," proclaimed head Junior Varsity Coach Levenda.

The Junior Varsity team finished the season with a 6-3 record, while freshmen concluded their season with a 7-2 record.

Many of the players feel that they achieved their goals. "Our goals were reached because every game we played, we became more intelligent," stated freshman receiver Eric Smith. This shows how the teams' goals were based on what they

learned rather than the score. "If anything, football has taught the boys that they're gonna get knocked down in life, but they have to get up and keep fighting. You've got to keep your thoughts on what you're doing," said Levenda.

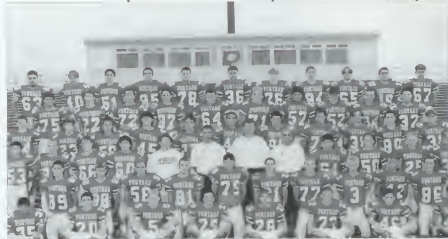
Both teams put forth their best effort in every game and emerged from the season knowing more about football, as well as a great deal more about themselves. "We brought a large amount of leadership and responsibility to the football program," declared freshman quarterback Adam Hasiak. "They are a great group of young men that Portage can be proud of," added freshman Coach Jay Hodges.

Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
5-3-0	E.C. Central	46-0	Win
	Lake Central	26-18	Win
	Hobart	22-14	Win
	Merrillville	0-42	Loss
	Crown Point	22-6	Win
	Chesterton	14-6	Win
	Michigan City	21-26	Loss
Scoreboard	LaPorte	6-14	Loss
	J.V.		

As Coach Jay Hodges relays the next play to the J.V. football team, they concentrate on every word. The Junior Varsity finished with a record of 5 and 3.



football football football foot



Freshmen

Front Row: Richard Diaz Jr., Ron Blaney, Aaron McGuffy, Derek Costa, Paul Reed, Nicholas Glanguilio, James Stanly, Brian Sholar. Second Row: James Hoggard III, Kyle Sonaty, Daniel Greenwell, Adam Garner, Ryan Colville, Joseph Hopper, Kevin Clark, Aaron Chaja, Mark Fleming Jr., Lee Schultz Jr. Third Row: Ryan Meade, Anthony Robbins, Adam Ferguson, Matthew Caldwell, Manger Sarah Cohen, Coach Craig Fantin, Coach Jay Hodges, Coach Larry Sharp, Joshua Rocha, Eric York, Timothy Timpe, Blake Riley. Fourth Row: Matthew Sedoris, Nicholas Wisler, Ryan West, Trent Bolin, Ryan Panozzo, Ryan Dixon, Dante Bily, Matthew Fejes, Jack Lundy, Eric Smith, Lee Stammis. Fifth Row: Ryan Wring, Brett Bando, Erick McGuire, Jonathon Burchuk, Eric Smith, Steven Budkis, Christopher Karakozis, James Henderson, Aaron Marcadis, Dylan McKee. Sixth Row: Aaron Jennings, Joshua Clemans, Carlos Garza, James Bonta, Thomas Potts, Brock Shipley, Jerome Homolla, Frank Knez, Joshua Bucy, Adam Hasiak, Erik Raskopf.

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What?!

The hardest thing about football was learning all the plays.

-Freshman Eric Smith

Living all the other players on the team except you because you played all the time.

-Freshman Adam Hasiak

The hardest thing that I had to do concerning football was waking up on Saturday mornings.

-Sophomore Aaron Schnarr

The toughest thing about football was learning to joke around when it's time to joke around, but when it's time to do business you get to work.

-Freshman Aaron McGuffy

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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/Loss
7-2-0	E. Chicago	14-0	Win
	Lake Central	12-14	Loss
	Hobart	40-12	Win
	Merrillville	12-10	Win
	Crown Point	12-7	Win
	Chesterton	29-0	Win
	Michigan City	34-0	Win
	Valparaiso	18-21	Loss
	LaPorte	38-14	Win

Scoreboard

Freshmen

The force of defensive lineman A.J. McCorkle took down the Brickie to end the play at the game against Hobart. Along with the victory for JV, Freshmen also beat Hobart 40-12.

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Varsity

Front Row: Amber Morris, Sandra Kennedy, Gina Pritchett, Amanda Armenta, Jessica Colburn, Nicole Fernandez, Amanda Diaz. **Second Row:** Lindsey Chamberlain, Melissa Wright, Stefani Hesseltnie, Kellie Smith, Allison Lowe, Samantha Weinman, Nicole Severs. **Back Row:** Amy Wright, Brittney Suleski, Angela Shields, Christina Vega, Christie Carr.

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dominating the sidelines

Admit it, when Portage is taking charge of the game, there is a surge of energy running through the crowd. When the PHS cheerleaders take the stage, however, that energy is taken to a whole new level. They bring to life the real meaning of school spirit.

There is a sense of closeness that brings these girls together game after game. "I like the unity between the team members and the coaches," says the junior Angela Shields. The unity makes it easier to spend so much time at every game.



By holding up a sign, sophomore Jessica Colburn helps increase crowd involvement. This is the first year the cheerleaders incorporated signs into their cheers.

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It takes the teamwork of every girl involved in order to safely and correctly execute each mount. The "double-hitch" mount required both squads to collaborate.

Both JV and Varsity squads combined to increase their performance potential at the homecoming pep rally. The girls' energy was displayed while they danced.

Carl Taylor



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Jennifer Vargas

What?!

Love being a cheerleader because of the friends I've made. Our teams are very close. My best friends are the girls on the team.
-sophomore Kellie Smith

I like the unity between the team members and the coaches.
-junior Angela Shields

We're like a big family. Everyone is always there for each other. That's what I really like.
-sophomore Allison Lowe

I think the best part was coming in first place at competition. It was a great season.
-junior Sandra Kennedy

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Time-outs were a chance for the crowds' spirit to become renewed. Seeing the dangerous mounts being performed by the cheerleaders helped to pump up the crowd.

At a competition, Senior Krystal Morgan smiles happily during a dance. This routine was performed at Merrillville High School in January of 2000.



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Varsity

Front Row- Jessica Santos, Sarah Eyermann, Krystal Morgan, Jennifer Dixon, Teza Emmert, Julietta Concepcion, Second Row- Stephanie Erwin, Julianne Repay, Jessica Vega, Kristin Allen, Jennifer Belville Back Row- Angela Soboczech, Tina Hyde, Michelle Mosca, Maria Lozano, Tanja Gazibara, Victoria Perez, Jana Brown, Margeux Lawson, Jillian Wallace, Nicole Parnell, Michelle Ayala

What?!

The hardest part about being in poms is trying to get up for practices in the summer.

-Freshman Maria Lozano

It always was hared leaning all the dances for competitions and games. I usually am not good at that.

-Sophomore Kristin Allen

I love to dance, so anything that invoves dancing, I'm there.

-Sophomore Jessica Vega

I like being able to compete and see our competition.

-Sophomore Jennifer Belville

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At a Portage High School Soccer game, the Poms Squad dance the routine called "the Funk". The girls on the team focus on having fun during their dances.



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poms girls know how to dance

by jennifer mesch

The buzzer sounds, ending the first half of the game. As the players head for the lockerroom a group of spirited girls step onto the court ready to perform.

One of the Pom's many responsibilities is to perform at halftime during basketball games. Fans of soccer will also be familiar with the Poms' routines, since they are the halftime show at PHS soccer games also. Their activities are not just limited to performances, though the poms participate in clinics, competitions and host a clinic of their own for middle

school students. In this year's competitions, the squad came through and placed second and fourth.

It takes a lot of hard work to learn the routines and dances needed to be on poms. Through many practices in which the girls perfect their routines, the squad becomes closer and more familiar with each other each and every day.

Through the ups and downs of the poms, from the beginning of the year until now, the members of the squad managed to come together to bring spirit to Portage sports events.

Set in their final pose, the Poms end their competition routine. This is the first year that the Portage High School has competed in formal competitions.



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The Poms team girls strike a pose during the half time Portage High School Soccer game. The dances consist of funk moves, along with traditional dance styles.

In mid-air, the Poms Team girls soar in to the air to perform toe touches. The girls get in to shape while having fun dancing and moving to a variety of music.

With great balance, senior Amie Carns performs her balance beam routine. Carns was 1 of the 2 seniors on the gymnastics team this year.



What!?!

We learned a lot about strengths and weakness this season which is something that will help the team next year. JJ
-Sophomore Carla Vargas

The funniest thing that happened was when Renee Grant was moving the springboard and she tripped over another team's springboard and fell on top of both of them! Carrie had to try really hard not to laugh in the middle of her beam routine. JJ
-Freshman Julianne Repay

One thing that sets gymnasts apart from other athletes is that we practice everyday from 6-8:30pm when everyone else is at home, doing homework, or even sleeping. JJ
-Sophomore Nicole Keith

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In a unique position, freshman Julianne Repay performs her beam routine. Repay was also a member of the Pon Poms squad this year.

gymnastics gymnastics gymnastics



Varsity

Front Row: Renee Grant. Second Row: Angela Sabocik, Amy Engle, Julianne Repay. Back Row: Michelle Carns, Amie Carns, Bonnie Kuss, Carrie Javorka, Nicole Keith, Carla Vargas.

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While in her balance beam routine, senior Carrie Javorka prepares for a tumble. Javorka was the team captain along with the validictorian of her class.

Gathered around the uneven bars the team warms up. Every girl on the team was expected to perform on each apparatus at the competitions.



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tumbling up Faced with changes

by christina vega

With all of the changes experienced by the gymnastics team, it is remarkable that they pulled together and did so well.

Their former coach has ceased coaching them and they are under a new coaching staff. "Our new coach is great, but I will never forget Rob," said sophomore Angela Sabocik, refering to previous coach Rob Sorber.

The gymnasts have been subjected to not only a change in coaches but also gymnasts. "A lot of girls on our team last year were

seniors, so when they graduated, we were faced with a lot of things we had to change and work on," said sophomore Nicole Keith. If that is not enough, imagine dealing with all of that on new terrain. This year, the gymnastic floor was replaced, which according to the girls, took some getting used to.

Despite all their tribulations, the team pulled through like a team and exemplified relentless effort throughout the season. The gymnasts concluded their season with a 4-4 record.

Season Record 4-4	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/ Loss
Scoreboard	LaPorte	10-5	WIn
	Portage "Pairs"	2-10	
	Hobart	7-8	Loss
	Michigan City	5-3	Win
	Crown Point	8-10	Win
	Merrillville	20-15	Loss
	Marion Invite	5-10	5th
	Lowell	2-1	Win
	Valparaiso	1-2	Loss
	Chesterton	9-6	Loss
	DAC Meet Sectional		5th 5th
Varsity			

Dreams Shattered

by Christina Vega

As junior Adam Moreno prepares to wrestle, he concentrates on beating his opponent. Jason Cook. Adam won this match 3-2.

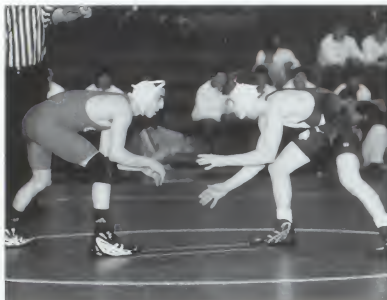


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If someone was asked what dedication meant, they would probably give some dictionary definition. However, ask the same question to a Portage wrestler and be prepared for a different answer.

Once the season starts, they live its definition each and every day. At 6:00 a.m., they are in the wrestling room sweating through another practice. Immediately concluding morning practice, they wave each other an exhausted good-bye, only to see each other in 7 hours for another grueling practice.

With all their dedication, it's no wonder that Portage Wrestling is one of the most notorious in the state. Many wrestlers proclaimed that their goal this year was to win state.

The team advanced to the state wrestling championship in Indianapolis. However, when it came down to it, the wrestling team just couldn't pull through.

Despite shattered dreams, many of the wrestlers look forward to next year and another chance to prove themselves worthy of a state title.

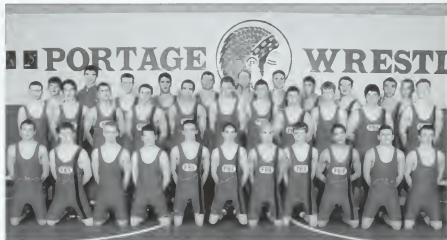


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Almost to the floor, senior Aaron Massow focuses on his next move to beat his opponent. The varsity wrestlers beat Valparaiso 55-9.

wrestling wrestling wrestling



Varsity

Front Row: Blake Riley, Aaron McGuffy, Jacob Fleck, Jacob Lawrence, Adam Moreno, David Persin, Paul Reed, Nathan Ulricks, Roberto Delgado, Derek Costa, Matthew Leonard. Second Row: Christopher West, Jeffrey Veach, Michael Chandler, Fred Joseph, Eric Keith, Joshua Clemans, Aaron Marcadis, Anthony Peete, Bryan Tinsley, Joshua Rocha, Anthony Crist. Back Row: Trent Bolin, Ryan Rosenburger, Rickie Elkins, Aaron Massow, Bryon Riley, Nathan Ritchie, Scott Buhman, James Ramirez, Jacob Cohen, Anthony Vottero, Joshua Clemans.

wrestling wrestling wrestling

What!?!

Lhe funniest thing that happened was when Jacob Cohen wore a women's thong during weigh-in.

-Junior Michael Chandler

Lhe're the best looking Portage athletes.

-Junior Jacob Cohen

Lhe thing that wrestling has taught me was dedication.

-Junior Adam Moreno

Lestling is the most mentally and physically draining sport. You have to think about it at all times.

-Senior Eric Keith

Page Designed By: Jennifer Vargas

Even though Portage didn't win at state, senior Fred Joseph won 1st place in his weight division. Juniors Adam Moreno, Rickie Elkins (who placed 2nd in his weight division) and senior Eric Keith (placed 1st in his weight division) also went to state.

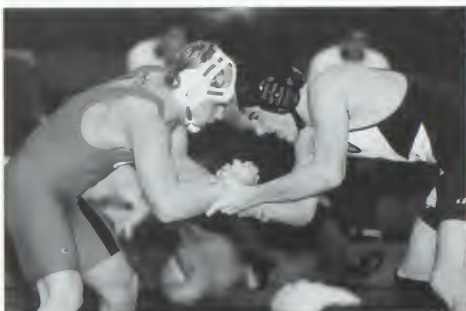


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Season Record	Opponent	Us vs. Them	Win/loss
Scoreboard	Michigan City Varsity	60-15	Win
	J.V.	78-6	Win
	Merrillville Varsity	58-15	Win
	J.V.	39-30	Win
	Calumet Invite Varsity	2nd	Win
	Goshen Invite J.V.	1st	Win
	North Montgomery Holiday Duals	1st	
	Valparaiso Varsity	55-9	Win
	J.V.	39-24	Win
	Lake Station Duals	1st	

Varsity



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As he holds him down, junior James Ramirez strengthens his grip so he can take home a victory against the Valparaiso Vikings.

new experiences

by christopher mihal

With first thoughts of becoming a veterinarian, Mrs. Chris Woods experienced the "not-so-glamorous" side and decided to look into a major in athletic training. Due to her high school basketball coach who convinced her that athletic training was the path she should choose, Woods came into the school year as the Head Athletic Trainer for this school.

After graduating in 1991 from Indiana University, Woods came to Valparaiso to work for Novacare in the mornings and spent her afternoons covering Kankakee Valley practices and games. After Novacare, she went on to work for the Jasper County Hospital outpatient clinic and continued to work at Kankakee Valley. June of 1998, Woods left the Hospital and Kankakee Valley to spend more time with her child who was eight months old at the time. Later that summer, in August, she accepted a position at Novacare in Portage which included eight weeks as assistant trainer at this school.

"I was ecstatic about getting the assistant trainer, position during the 1998-1999 school year. It was a completely different experience from my previous job and Doc was a pleasure to work with for a year. He ran the training room like we were taught at Indiana University and it brought to mind many important procedures that I had forgotten over the years," Woods said. The following summer, Woods was offered the Head Trainer position. "It doesn't get much better than this, a 5A Duneland Conference High School. This opportunity was what I had worked for my whole life it seems. I was extremely excited and could barely believe it was true, but at the same time, terrified that I would not be able to live up to the high expectations," Woods added.

This year proved to be different for Woods as she went into her first year being a Head Trainer and working with

her first group of high school trainers. "The student trainers were awesome to work with and hard workers too. Their job is often times overlooked and very tedious, but they smiled through it all. I have no idea how I would have made it through this whole year without them," Woods said. Throughout the year, the trainers had two great accomplishments; learning from each other, and three trainers continuing through the winter season to earn their varsity letters. "This had never happened before and I welcomed the extra help on those long Saturdays. Being a student trainer requires a huge time commitment; the dependability and professionalism of my student trainers this past year was a major accomplishment in itself," Woods said.

For this year, Woods' goal was to earn respect from everyone in the athletic department including administration, coaching staff, athletes and parents. "I had to prove myself to many people that I knew what I was doing and earn their trust. My main goal for 2000-2001 is to increase communication between myself and all the coaches," Woods said. She would like to get her vocational class off the ground as well. Woods teaches Introduction to Athletic Training which is offered to juniors and seniors countywide.

Woods learned much in her first year as Head Trainer, but the most important was how competitive the Duneland Athletic Conference could be. "The number of severity of injuries was not that different, but the rehab and high number of athletes needing my attention was a lot to contend with. Everything happens on a much larger scale with quite a few more eyes watching you in the DAC. The pressure to live up to the quality of treatment that they were accustomed to pushed me to do my best for the athletes and the coaching staff."

designed by christopher mihal



After school, junior Anthony Vottero gets some work done on his injured right arm. Vottero played football and participated on the track team.

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Front Row: Amanda Schumacher. Back Row: Jeannette Sanchez, Kelly Armour, Chris Woods, Kimberly Sisk, Nikki Ayala

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In the training room, Mrs. Chris Woods bandages junior Lauren Benson's knee after a track practice.

Junior Jeannette Sanchez, (left) wraps an ankle after school for a track member. Being an athletic trainer required a lot of time after school.



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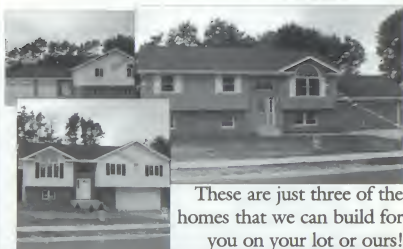
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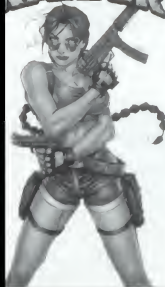
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The year draws to a close and with it another year in the lives of students, teachers, and faculty. Of course, memories of the boys cross country and girls softball state championships will remain with us a long while, but so will the everyday moments that make one laugh and sometimes cry. Sometimes the distance between friendships seemed to get greater, but sometimes the gap shrank with new friends. The once clean slates that started off the year are now full and previously undiscovered potential was found. Sometimes looking at something closely enough helps find the way to the things unknown to ourselves. But the year has ended and it is time to look at the big picture. The excitement that filled the halls this year is now gone but the feelings have been replaced by the realization that our individualism is a part of our Portage High School family.



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As the photographing company, Root Studios out of Chicago, Ill., took all album pictures and various sports pictures. Most other pictures were taken by student photographers and developed in the publication's darkroom.

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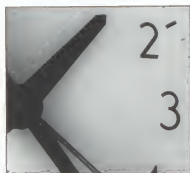
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